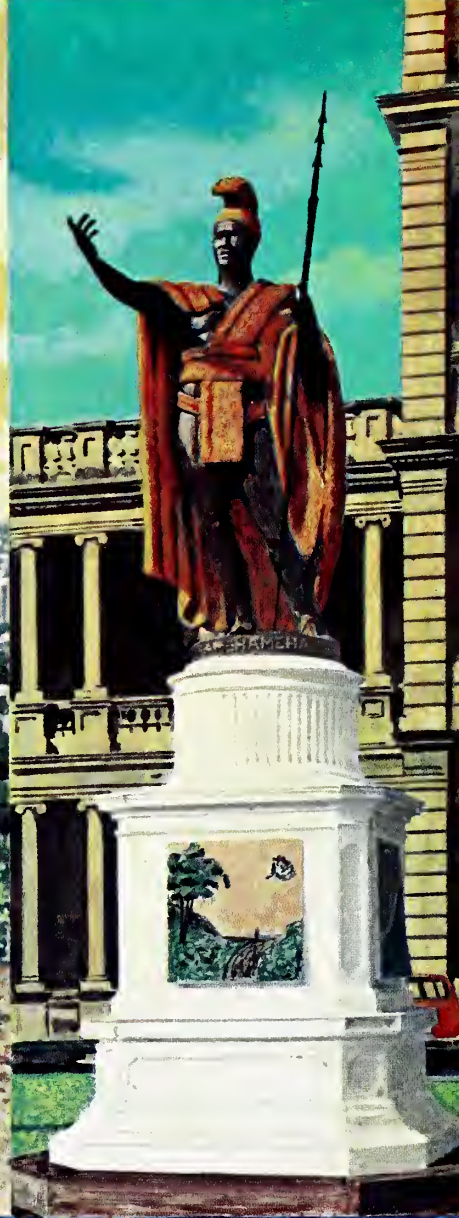
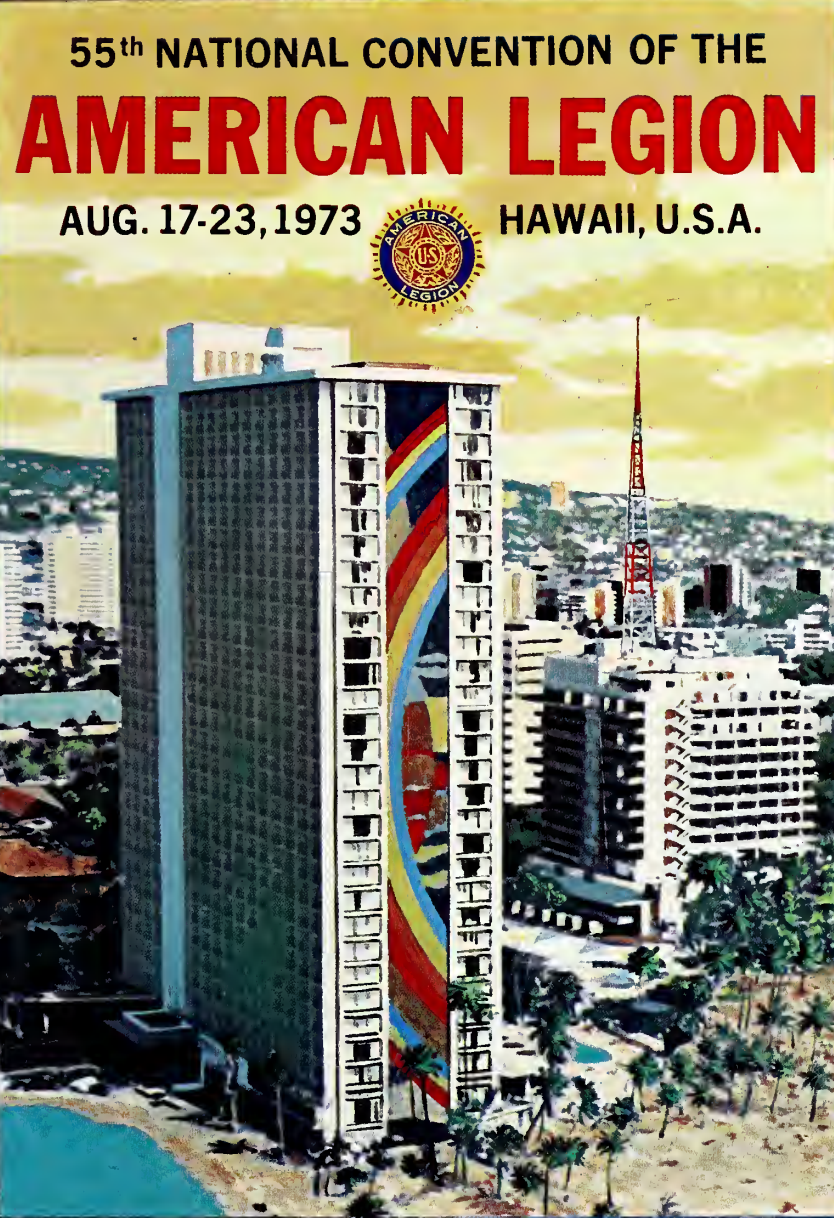




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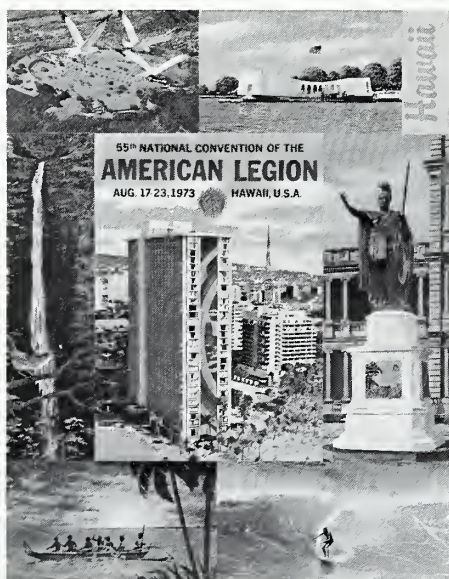
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ABOUT THE COVER: Robert Geissmann of New York City designed and produced the colorful collage depicting Hawaii as the 50th State. Mr. Geissmann has a distinguished career in designing and illustrating for advertisers and magazines. During World War II, he headed the art department for the U.S. Air Force Combat Film Unit. He holds the Air Force Exceptional Service Medal for his work. Robert Geissmann is a Past President of the Society of Illustrators and holds their Gold Medal for Illustration. He has designed 12 U.S. Postage Stamps including the Eisenhower, George C. Marshall and Ernie Pyle stamps. For our cover he has illustrated several scenes of picturesque Hawaii. Legionnaires, members of the Auxiliary and guests attending the 55th National Convention will see many of these places plus hundreds more as they tour Hawaii. So, "Aloha" and enjoy your stay. We know that you will want to return in the future. There is much to see and enjoy on the Islands that we know as Hawaii.



ALOHA

Welcome to the 55th Annual National Convention of The American Legion In The Beautiful 50th State of Hawaii

When The American Legion was born, nearly 55 years ago, very few people were thinking in terms of a 50th State for these great United States of America, but how thankful we are that this breathtakingly beautiful island state has become a part of the Union, and how pleased we are to welcome conventioners to our 55th Annual National Convention with a warm ALOHA.

This has been a great year for The American Legion, for America and for the world, for it has seen the end of American involvement in conflict in Southeast Asia, a general winding down of hostilities in that area, and the release and repatriation of American servicemen held for so long as prisoners of war.

We are eternally grateful for all these historical developments and we would hope that the cease fire in South Vietnam might signal the beginning of a return to reason for all mankind.

The American Legion during this past year operated under the general theme of "Reach Out In Service For America," and I feel we have provided effective service in many areas, one of the most important of which was the successful culmination of long years of effort in cooperation with the National League of Families of Prisoners of War and Missing in Action in Southeast Asia, in bringing the POW/MIAs back home.

This project proved once again the staying power of The American Legion, and since these men and their comrades have returned, and from now into the foreseeable future, The American Legion will be prepared to help them with their needs as they return to the mainstream of society.

We undergird the Armed Forces of the United States with a firm stand in opposition to amnesty, the granting of which would undermine the morale of our Armed Forces and make an all-volunteer armed force so much more difficult to achieve.

We have continued to carry out all of our traditional and time-tested programs of service to America's youth, and I know the leadership that this Convention chooses for The



American Legion for the year ahead, will be dedicated to those programs and to the principles and ideals of this organization which still has so much to give to America.

JOE L. MATTHEWS
National Commander

WHERE TO REGISTER

and

OBTAIN INFORMATION

Registration and Information Booths will be operated in Honolulu for the convenience of conventioners. You may register for the convention at a fee of \$5.00 per adult.

Booths will be located in the lobbies of:

Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel
Sheraton Waikiki Hotel
Princess Kaiulani Hotel
Hawaiian Regent Hotel

Booths will operate from 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 16 and daily thereafter from 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. until taken out of service at the direction of the Convention Corporation.

In addition to the above locations, one booth will be operated in the foyer of the Coral Ballroom of the Hilton

Hawaiian Village Hotel, the site of General Convention Sessions on August 21, 22 and 23.

Additionally, conventioners may register at the National Headquarters office which will be located in the Exhibit Hall of the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel or they may register at the Convention Corporation Headquarters, Rooms 510 and 511 of the Hawaiian Regent Hotel.

All persons (except those under age 12) are to be reminded that the official convention badge or other approved credentials are required to gain entry to the General Convention Sessions.



The famous Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel complex will serve as Headquarters Hotel for the 1973 American Legion National Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii. In addition, the Hilton Hawaiian Village will house the National Commander and National Officers, the Distinguished Guest Headquarters, National Headquarters offices and all sessions of the Convention proper, as well as housing several Department Delegations.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 27, 1973

For over half a century, in spirit and through action, the American Legion has consistently influenced the positive qualities of life in a free and strong society.

As we build a new generation of peace, let us resolve to maintain the strength that freedom has always demanded, and to preserve the ideals upon which our great democracy was founded.

I extend to each of you the heartfelt thanks of all your fellow citizens for your inspired deeds of service to America, and I wish you a most enjoyable Annual Convention.

Richard Nixon



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

JOHN A. BURNS
GOVERNOR

MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR JOHN A. BURNS
AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION MAGAZINE
April 12, 1973

The State of Hawaii--"heart of the Pacific family of nations"--welcomes with aloha The American Legion as it gathers in the Islands for its first overseas convention, and the largest convention ever held in Polynesia.

It is of profound significance that each one of some 20,000 persons expected to attend this massive convention will travel a minimum round trip of 4,000 air miles across the Pacific to Hawaii and back to the Mainland. This would have been unbelievable to the visionary founders of this patriotic organization. It is a measure of the vastness of the changes in our world since 1919, when the Legion was established. Even more significant is the emphasis by The American Legion that we are now in the Pacific Era of man's history. Through swift travel and swifter communications, the last great gap in human unity is being bridged, as the peoples of the Far East come into direct and intimate contact with the peoples of the West, on a grand scale.

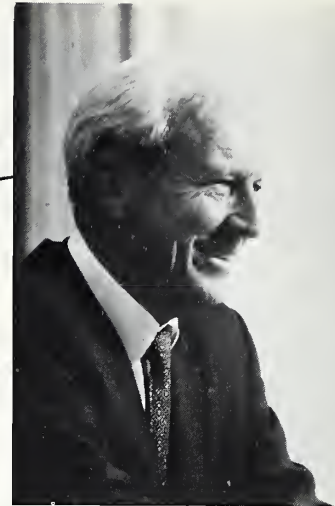
It is in Hawaii that East meets West under ideal conditions. It is in Hawaii that many Legionnaires will get their first close view of Asian, Polynesian and other Pacific cultures. The potential for advancing world harmony through this gathering is thus enormous.

It is our hope and prayer, first, that all members of The American Legion and their families have a happy, wonderful time in the Islands. Then we pray that the aims and goals of the Legion will be furthered by the good work which will be accomplished in convention sessions here. Finally, we hope that all the world will "look to the Legion" as it gathers here, to recall the collective courage and patriotism of its membership in time of war, to be inspired by its desire to promote world peace, and to follow its leadership in all other worthy work for mankind's welfare.

Aloha, and may the Almighty be with you and yours always.

Sincerely,

John A. Burns





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Dear Legionnaires:

We are indeed proud and pleased to extend warm greetings and "ALOHA" to each of you, your families and the National Women's Auxiliary as you disembark on to our beautiful International Airport and Island, only to be warmly greeted on the occasion of the 54th Annual National Convention of The American Legion in Honolulu, Hawaii, best known as the "ALOHA STATE."

We are most anxious to provide you with all the ingredients of a perfect convention found nowhere else in the world. Our facilities are unique, capturing the ethnic background of the people of our State, the finest anywhere. We believe that history will be made in Hawaii in such magnitude and esteem in bringing about matters of great importance to millions of veterans by this great veterans organization, and that your first impression of Hawaii will be an everlasting one. We are extremely happy that you have chosen Hawaii as your convention city for 1973.

Most importantly, we want to share with you our Hawaiian heritage, custom, culture and traditions found nowhere else in the world. We can also provide you with the western way of life. I sincerely hope that you will have the opportunity to visit our neighboring islands; Hawaii, Maui, Kauai and Molokai. We would like to share with you Hawaii's history that is found on all the islands, too numerous to mention. The Legionnaires and Ladies Auxiliary of Hawaii will be most happy to help you with your questions and to make your visit in Hawaii, joyful and pleasant.

As you move in and around our convention city, you will be greeted with the word "ALOHA" a pleasant way to say hello. There are also many strange words you will hear such as "Mahalo, Haole, Pau, Malihini" and others with pleasant meanings, and someone will always translate them for you. My fellow Legionnaires join me in wishing you a successful convention and extend to you and your family our sincere appreciation. ----- ME KEALOHA PUMEHANA.

Sincerely,

Libert J. Pakele, Jr.
Libert J. Pakele, Jr.
Department Commander

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the coming years.*

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FRANK F. FASI
MAYOR

April 4, 1973

MAYOR'S MESSAGE
AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION

My Fellow Legionnaires:

I welcome you with our warmest greetings and aloha on the occasion of your National Convention. It is an honor for the City and County of Honolulu to host this gathering, the first National Convention of The American Legion in Hawaii--indeed, the first anywhere outside the continental limits of the United States.

I am sure that you have the potential to develop this into one of the greatest conventions ever held here in Hawaii. With more than twenty thousand Legionnaires and guests participating, it is already the largest convention in Hawaii's history. I sincerely hope that it will also become the most productive and significant. As a Legionnaire, I know how much talent we have in this organization.

I also know that you have a full, demanding schedule. I hope, though, that you allow time to enjoy all that Honolulu has to offer. No matter what your expectations, you can find what you're seeking--the beautiful beaches along our North Shore, the exciting nightlife of Waikiki, the potpourri of cultures, the lure of ancient Hawaiian tradition.

I wish you a most successful and productive convention, and a most enjoyable stay in Honolulu, one of the world's great cities.

Sincerely,

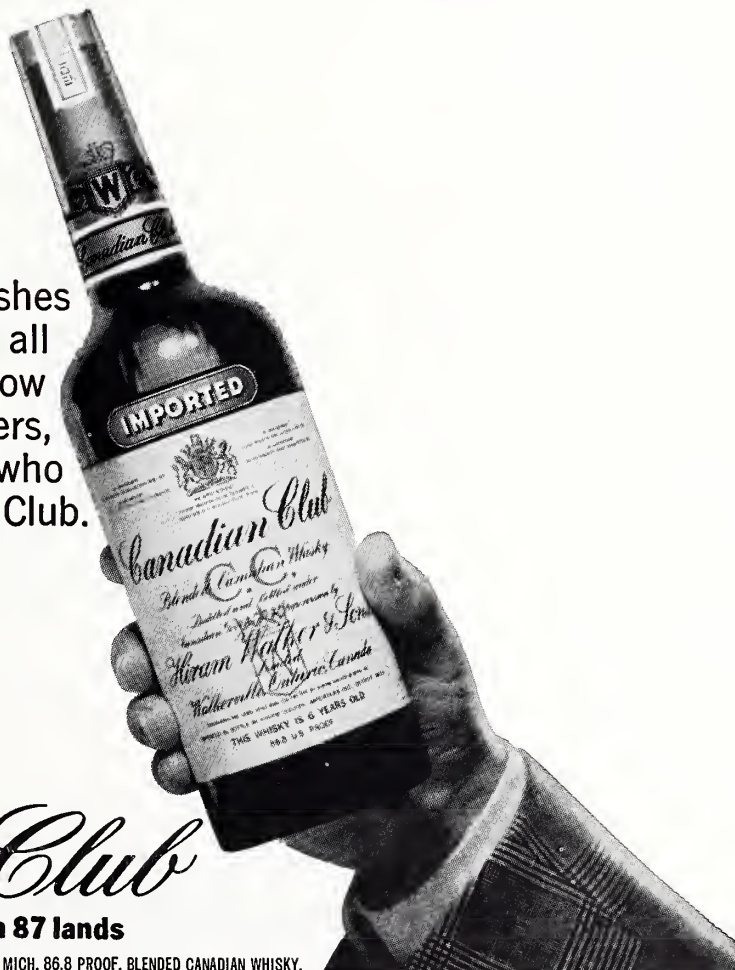
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FRANK F. FASI, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu



**Hello, Joe, Jack, Bert, Phil, Tom,
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Walt, Dick, Stu, Don, Herb, Bob,
Harry, George, Arnie, Mort,
Fred, Al, Pete, Jerry, Pat, Stan,
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ALOHA, LEGIONNAIRES!

In behalf of the people of Oahu, I extend warmest welcome and aloha.

Honolulu is honored to be selected host city for The American Legion's 1973 convention, the largest ever held in the Islands.

With all due modesty, I see wisdom in the choice. You have chosen to meet in one of America's most beautiful, modern and exciting cities. The effects should prove stimulating and memorable.

You will have the chance to experience the unique product born of the cultures of Polynesia, the East and the West and the ensuing dynamism that constitutes today's Hawaii.

Your meeting here focuses attention on the Nation's newest state, long a bastion of national defense. Perhaps more important, it recognizes the full emergence of the Pacific area in global importance in what we pray will be an era of peace and human understanding.

Again, a hearty welcome from the people of the City and County of Honolulu. May your sessions be productive and your visit enjoyable.

Aloha,

George Koga
GEORGE KOGA
Chairman & Presiding Officer

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PAUL DEVENS
MANAGING DIRECTOR



Officers, Delegates and Guests:

On behalf of the Honolulu Fire Department, I offer a warm aloha and best wishes on the occasion of The American Legion's Annual Convention.

As this City's Fire Chief, I am not often asked to extend greetings to visitors. Fire departments throughout the United States are respected and appreciated, but seldom recognized. Leave it to The American Legion to give credit to hardworking public servants who risk their lives to protect our cities!

Perhaps that is the Legion's finest service to this nation. While many citizens are quick to point out what's wrong with America, you have consistently reminded them of what's right. And you give the credit not necessarily to those who make headlines, but to those who make the most significant contribution.

Gentlemen, Honolulu's fire team sincerely appreciates your uncommon support. Aloha, best wishes for a successful convention and God bless you all.

Boniface K. Aiua
BONIFACE K. AIU
Fire Chief
City and County of Honolulu

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 PAUL DEVENS
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On behalf of the Honolulu Police Department, I offer
 a hearty welcome to all of you attending The American Legion
 Convention.

We are honored that you chose to hold your National
 Convention this year in Honolulu. The men and women of the
 Honolulu Police Department join the members of the community
 in extending our warm aloha and hospitality of the islands.

With best wishes for a most successful and enjoyable
 convention.

Francis Keala
 FRANCIS KEALA
 Chief of Police

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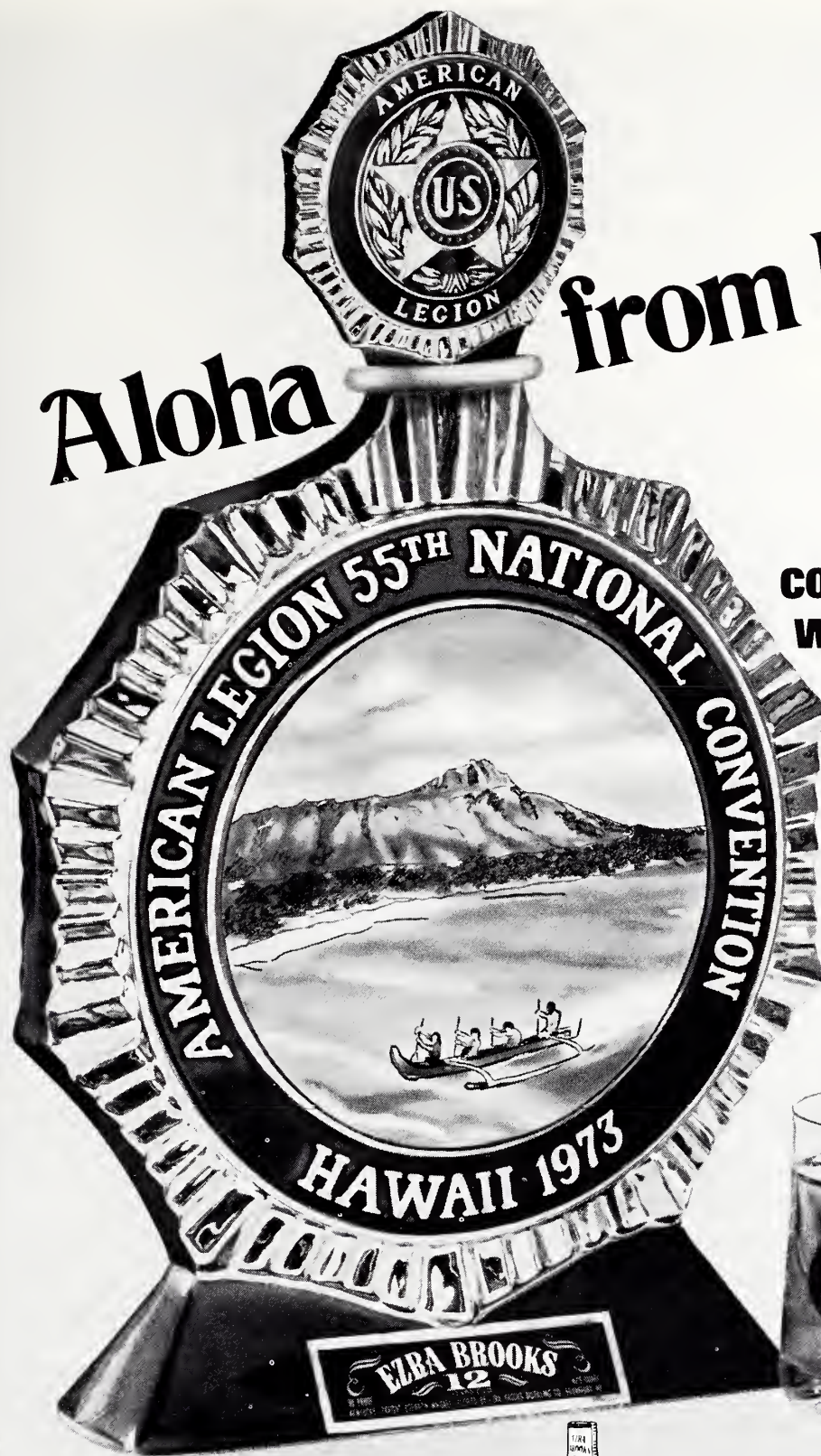
Sheraton Waikiki
2255 Kalakaua Avenue
922-4422
(Robert G. Wilke, Adjutant)

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Queen Kapiolani
150 Kapahulu Avenue
922-1941
(Eugene Hirsch, Adjutant)

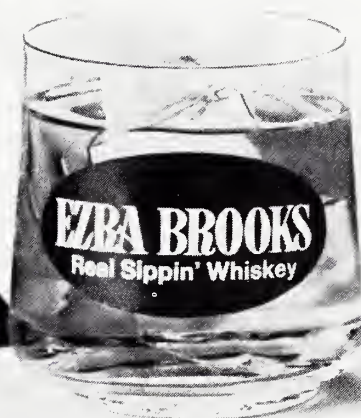
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The American Legion 55th National Convention Meeting Room Assignments

STANDING COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

(All meetings at the Hilton Hawaiian Village (HHV), unless otherwise indicated.)

Americanism Commission:

Aug. 17 and 18, 9:30 a.m.,
Coral Ballroom II
Chairman: Daniel J. O'Connor
Jackson Heights, New York

Americanism Screening Committee:

Aug. 16, 9:30 a.m.,
National Headquarters office

Commission on Children & Youth:

Aug. 17 and 18, 9:30 a.m.,
Coral Ballroom I
Chairman: Earl D. Franklin, Jr.
Sterling, Colorado

Constitution and By-Laws Committee:

Aug. 17 and 18, 9:30 a.m.,
National Judge Advocate's office
National Headquarters office
Chairman: Alfonse F. Wells
Chicago, Illinois

Convention Commission:

Aug. 17-23, inclusive, 9:30 a.m.,
Board Room, 2nd Floor-Ocean Tower
Chairman: James V. Demarest
New York, New York

Distinguished Guest Committee:

Aug. 17-23, inclusive, 9:30 a.m.,
Distinguished Guest Hqtrs. Suite
Chairman: William J. Rogers, Maine
Chairman Emeritus: Al Starshak
Chicago, Illinois

Economic Commission:

Aug. 17 and 18, 9:30 a.m.,
Nautilus Room, 7th Floor-Mid-Pacific Center
Chairman: Clarence C. Campbell
Barre, Vermont

Economic Screening Committee:

Aug. 16, 9:30 a.m.,
National Headquarters office

Emblem Committee:

Aug. 17 and 18, 9:30 a.m.,
Gold Room I, 2nd Floor
Ocean Tower
Chairman: Clayton C. Schlick
Osage, Iowa

Finance Commission:

Aug. 17-23, inclusive, 9:30 a.m.,
National Adjutant's office
Chairman: Churchill T. Williams
Oelwein, Iowa

American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee:

Aug. 17 and 18, 9:30 a.m.,
Gold Room III, 2nd Floor
Ocean Tower
Chairman: Albert V. LaBiche
New Orleans, Louisiana

Foreign Relations Commission:

Aug. 17 and 18, 9:30 a.m.,
Hilo-Kona Room, 2nd Floor
Ilikai Hotel, 1777 Ala Moana Blvd.
Chairman: Dr. Robert P. Foster
Maryville, Missouri

Internal Affairs Commission:

Aug. 17 and 18, 9:30 a.m.,
Beach Club, 2nd Floor
Ocean Tower
Chairman: Donald J. Smith
St. Johns, Michigan

Legislative Commission:

Aug. 17 and 18, 9:30 a.m.,
Empire Room II, 2nd Floor
Ocean Tower
Chairman: Clarence C. Horton
Gulf Shores, Alabama

Membership and Post Activities Committee:

Aug. 17 and 18, 9:30 a.m.,
Terrace Lanai, 2nd Floor-Ocean Tower
Chairman: William F. Gormley
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

National Security Commission:

Aug. 18, 9:30 a.m.,
Pago Pago Room-Lobby Level
Ilikai Hotel, 1777 Ala Moana Blvd.
Chairman: Emmett G. Lenihan
Seattle, Washington

Public Relations Commission:

Aug. 17 and 18, 9:30 a.m.
Shell Bar (next to Tapa Room)
Chairman: C.D. DeLoach
Washington, D.C.

Resolutions Assignment Committee:

Aug. 16-20, inclusive, 9:30 a.m.
National Headquarters office
Chairman: Alex M. Geiger
Gaston, South Carolina

Spirit of '76 Committee:

Aug. 18, 9:30 a.m.,
Ti Leaf and Mynah Rooms, 7th Floor
Mid-Pacific Conference Center
Chairman: Milton M. Carpenter
St. Louis, Missouri

The American Legion Magazine Commission:

Aug. 17 and 18, 9:30 a.m.,
Gold Room II, 2nd Floor
Ocean Tower
Chairman: Benjamin B. Truskoski
Bristol, Connecticut

**Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation
Commission:**

Aug. 17 and 18, 9:30 a.m.,
Sea Pearl Room, 7th Floor
Mid-Pacific Conference Center
Chairman: William F. Lenker
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Veterans Medical Care Advisory Committee:

Aug. 17
(Time and place to be designated by Chairman)

**Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation
Screening Committee:**

Aug. 16-19, inclusive, 9:30 a.m.,
National Headquarters office

National Executive Committee

**August 19, 2:00 p.m.
Coral Ballroom IV**

**Chairman: National Commander Joe L. Matthews
Fort Worth, Texas**

**Best Wishes to
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Compliments
of
A Friend**

Meetings of Convention Committees

*SEE SPECIAL NOTICE BELOW

(All meetings at the Hilton Hawaiian Village (HHV), unless otherwise indicated.)

The following Convention Committees will be composed of one delegate from each department. Initial meetings of Convention Committees will be at the time and place as shown below. Subsequent meetings will be at the call of the chairman.

(Meetings of Convention Committees normally will be closed to all except committee members.)

Americanism

Aug. 19 and 20, 10:00 a.m., Coral Ballroom II
(Baseball and Recreation Sub-Committee)
Aug. 19, 10:30 a.m., Tapestry Lounge
(outside Coral Ballroom),
7th Floor-Mid-Pacific Conference Center (HHV)
(Education and Scholarship Sub-Committee)
Aug. 19, 10:30 a.m., Tapestry Lounge
(outside Coral Ballroom),
7th Floor-Mid-Pacific Conference Center (HHV)
(Immigration and Naturalization Sub-Committee)
Aug. 19, 10:30 a.m., Tapestry Lounge
(outside Coral Ballroom),
7th Floor-Mid-Pacific Conference Center (HHV)
(Counter-Subversive Activities Sub-Committee)
Aug. 19, 10:30 a.m., Tapestry Lounge
(outside Coral Ballroom),
7th Floor-Mid-Pacific Conference Center (HHV)
(Boys State-Boys Nation, Youth Activities and
Community Services Sub-Committee)
Aug. 19, 10:30 a.m., Coral Ballroom II

Children & Youth

Aug. 19 and 20, 10:00 a.m., Coral Ballroom I

Constitutional Amendments

Aug. 19 and 20, 10:00 a.m., Gold Room II,
2nd Floor-Ocean Tower (HHV)

Credentials and Internal Affairs

(Credentials and Other Internal Matters)
Aug. 19 and 20, 10:00 a.m., Beach Club,
2nd Floor-Ocean Tower (HHV)
(Membership)
Aug. 19 and 20, 10:00 a.m., Terrace Lanai,
2nd Floor-Ocean Tower (HHV)

Economic

(Employment and Veterans Preference)
Aug. 19 and 20, 10:00 a.m., Mynah Room,
7th Floor-Mid-Pacific Conference Center (HHV)
(Other Economic Matters)
Aug. 19 and 20, 10:00 a.m., Nautilus Room,
7th Floor-Mid-Pacific Conference Center (HHV)

Finance

Aug. 19 and 20, 10:00 a.m., Golden Dragon
Restaurant (Cathay Room-off Main Lobby)

Foreign Relations

Aug. 19 and 20, 10:00 a.m., Hilo-Kona Room,
2nd Floor, Ilikai Hotel, 1777 Ala Moana Blvd.

*SPECIAL NOTICE

*The first meeting of ALL Convention Committees will be Monday, August 20, at 1:30 p.m.

Legislation and Rules

Aug. 19 and 20, 10:00 a.m., Empire Room II,
2nd Floor-Ocean Tower (HHV)

National Security Committees Joint Meeting

(Aeronautics and Space, Civil Defense,
Merchant Marine, Military Affairs,
Naval Affairs)
Aug. 19, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Pago Pago
Room, Lobby Level, Ilikai Hotel,
1777 Ala Moana Boulevard
(Aeronautics and Space)
Aug. 19, 11:00 a.m. and Aug. 20, 10:00 a.m.,
Sidney Room, Lobby Level, Ilikai Hotel,
1777 Ala Moana Boulevard
(Civil Defense)
Aug. 19, 11:00 a.m. and Aug. 20, 10:00 a.m.,
Melbourne Room, Lobby Level,
Ilikai Hotel, 1777 Ala Moana Boulevard
(Merchant Marine)
Aug. 19, 11:00 a.m. and Aug. 20, 10:00 a.m.,
Auckland Room, Lobby Level,
Ilikai Hotel, 1777 Ala Moana Boulevard
(Military Affairs)
Aug. 19, 11:00 a.m. and Aug. 20, 10:00 a.m.,
Pago Pago Room, Lobby Level,
Ilikai Hotel, 1777 Ala Moana Boulevard
(Naval Affairs)
Aug. 19, 11:00 a.m. and Aug. 20, 10:00 a.m.,
Wellington Room, Lobby Level,
Ilikai Hotel, 1777 Ala Moana Boulevard

National Security Committees Joint Meeting

Aug. 21, 9:00 a.m., Pago Pago Room, Lobby,
Ilikai Hotel, 1777 Ala Moana Boulevard

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation

(Claims and Rating)
Aug. 19 and 20, 10:00 a.m., Sea Pearl Room,
7th Floor-Mid-Pacific Conference
Center (HHV)
(Hospitals and Medical Services)
Aug. 19 and 20, 10:00 a.m., Ti Leaf Room,
7th Floor-Mid-Pacific Conference
Center (HHV)

2nd Annual Sons of

The American Legion National Convention

Aug. 18 and 19, 9:00 a.m., Tapa Gardens



Arch C.
Bonzer



T. Paxton
Stephens



Thomas
Roumell



Harry K.
Stinger



Edward R.
Delehanty



Hugh B.
Mott



Richard H.
Klinge



Eric H.
Smith



August C.
Draeb



Robert L.
Parker



Harold A.
Cummins
Ex-Officio



Tommy E.
Jones
Advisory



George E.
Osborne
Advisory



Frank C.
Momsen
Advisory

The 1973 National Convention Commission



James V.
Demarest
Chairman



Lawrence E.
Hoffman
Vice Chairman



Willard L.
Colbrook
National Commander's
Representative



Dr. Almo J.
Sebastianelli
Consultant



Maurice
Stember
Consultant



Peter
Nedzweckas
Consultant



Robert H.
Hazen
Consultant



Aldo R.
Benedetto
Chairman
NEC Liaison



Lawrence E.
Fisher
Liaison



John J.
Adams
Liaison



Wallace C.S.
Young
Liaison



Thomas J.
Gear
Liaison



Vernon K.
Grosenick
Liaison



Deming
Smith
Contest Supervisory
Chairman



William J.
Rogers
Distinguished Guests
Chairman



A.L.
Starshak
Chairman Emeritus
Distinguished Guests



William H.
Miller
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Director

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President

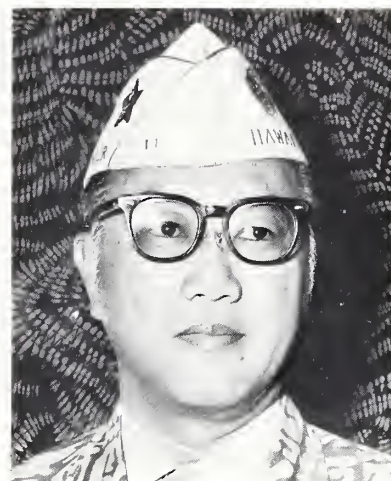


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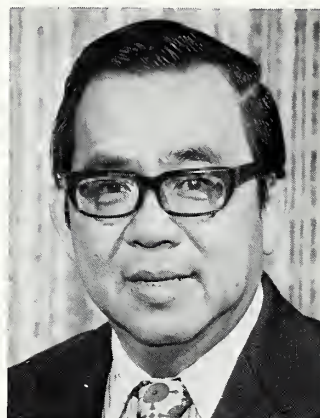


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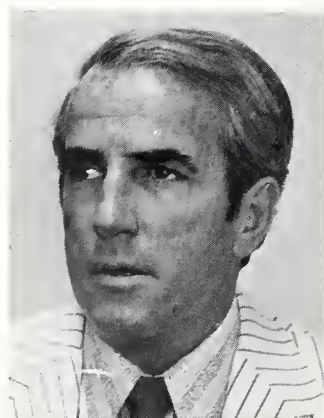
William Cottrell



G.L. Crothers



Howard Gubin



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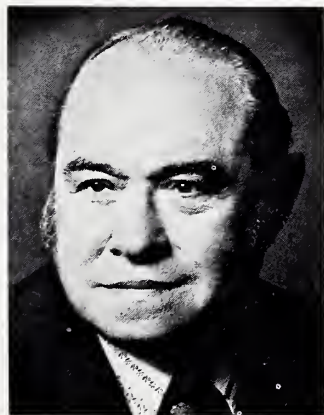
Libert J. Pakele, Jr.



Bernard J. Peron



Georg Rafael



Arthur A. Rutledge



William Smith



Edward E. Swofford

Church Directory

Places of worship of other denominations are listed in Hotel directories and in Honolulu's Yellow Pages.

CHURCHES

BAPTIST

WAIKIKI BAPTIST CHURCH
424 KUAMOO STREET
955-3525

JEWISH

TEMPLE EMANU-EL
2550 PALI HIGHWAY
595-2120

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST HONOLULU
1508 PUNAHOU STREET
949-8403

LUTHERAN

PRINCE OF PEACE
333 LEWERS STREET
923-3835

METHODIST

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1020 SO. BERETANIA STREET
533-1774

CHURCH OF THE LATTER DAY SAINTS

1560 SO. BERETANIA STREET
949-4229

PRESBYTERIAN

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1822 KEEAUMOKU STREET
537-1212

CONGREGATIONAL

KAWAIAHAO CHURCH
PUNCHBOWL & KING STREETS
538-6267

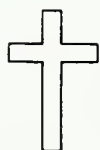
ROMAN CATHOLIC

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
2512 KALAKAUA AVENUE
923-7024

EPISCOPAL

WAIKIKI EPISCOPAL CHAPEL
REEF TOWERS HOTEL
227 LEWERS STREET
923-4338

ST. PETER AND PAUL CHURCH
800 KAHEKA STREET
941-0675



REUNIONS AND DINNERS

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S DINNER FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel
Coral Ballroom
Monday, August 20—7:30 P.M.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY STATES DINNER

Sheraton-Waikiki Hotel
Grand Ballroom
Wednesday, August 22—8:00 P.M.

AMERICAN LEGION PRESS ASSOCIATION (ALPA)

Hawaiian Regent Hotel
Awards Banquet
Regent Ballroom
Saturday, August 18—6:00 P.M.

Brunch (Executive Meeting)
Regent II
Sunday, August 19—10:00 A.M.

Department Press Association Meeting
Regent III
Sunday, August 19—1:00 P.M.

Meeting and Election of Officers
Regent III
Sunday, August 19—2:00 P.M.

Executive Board and Officers Meeting
Regent III
Sunday, August 19—4:00 P.M.

HISTORIANS' LUNCHEON

Ilikai Hotel
Wellington Room
Saturday, August 18—12:00 Noon

1954 AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE CLASS BREAKFAST

Hilton Hawaiian Village
Empire Room I
Monday, August 20—7:00 A.M.

PAST COMMANDERS LUNCHEON

Hilton Hawaiian Village
Long House
Tuesday, August 21—12:30 P.M.

EIGHT AND FORTY

Ilikai Hotel
Moorea (Pacific Ballroom)
LaMarehe Nationale Banquet
Thursday, August 23—7:30 P.M.

TWENTY AND FOUR

Ala Moana Hotel
Carnation Room
Committee Meetings and Registration
Saturday and Sunday—August 18 and 19
Annual Bivouac Banquet
Sunday, August 19—7:30 P.M.

ANAVICUS

Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada

Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel
Coral Ballroom III
Sunday, August 19
10:00 A.M. Business Meeting
11:00 A.M. Reception
12:00 Noon Luncheon

FOUNDERS

Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel
Business Meeting
Cathay Room
Saturday, August 18—2:00 P.M.

Reception and Dinner
Gold Rooms I & II
Saturday, August 18—5:00 P.M.



PATRIOTIC RELIGIOUS SERVICE

4 P. M.
Sunday, August 19, 1973

HILTON HAWAIIAN VILLAGE

The Long House
Waikiki Beach, Hawaii

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

KAY FONG LOUIE, *Hawaii*
Department Chaplain

ADVANCEMENT OF THE COLORS

PATRIOTIC MUSIC

THE INVOCATION

REV. JEROME FORTENBERRY, *Missouri*
Past Department Chaplain

PLACING OF MEMORIAL WREATHS

JOE L. MATTHEWS, *National Commander*
WILLIAM F. HAUCK, *National Adjutant*
MRS. T. G. CHILTON, *National President*
MISS DORIS ANDERSON, *National Secretary*
MRS. LUCIEN J. LANDRY, *Le Chapeau Nationale*
MRS. ROBERT C. SNOW, *La Secretaire Cassiere*

MUSIC OF THE ISLANDS

READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

OLD TESTAMENT: *Psalm 90*

REV. ALFRED C. THOMPSON, *New York*
Past National Chaplain, American Legion

EPISTLE: *I Corinthians 13*

MRS. HARRY R. (MARY) RUSSELL, *New Mexico*
L'Aumonier Nationale, Eight and Forty

GOSPEL: *Matthew 5:1-20*

REV. CLAUDE SMITHMIER, *Georgia*
Department Chaplain

THE PRAYER

MRS. OSCAR NELSON, *California*
National Chaplain
The American Legion Auxiliary

THE MESSAGE—"UNDER GOD"

DR. LAWRENCE P. FITZPATRICK, *Iowa*
National Chaplain
The American Legion

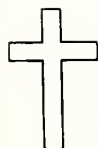
"THE LORD'S PRAYER"

THE BENEDICTION

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

THE RECESSIONAL

"FOR GOD AND COUNTRY"



OFFICIAL PROGRAM

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



The fifty-fourth Annual National Convention of The American Legion draws a full house to Chicago's Arie Crown Theater as President Richard M. Nixon addresses the delegates in his first public appearance following re-nomination by his party's Convention. Chicago meetings were Aug. 18-24, 1972.

STANDING RULES OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

The following are the Standing Rules of the National Convention as contained in the "UNIFORM CODE OF PROCEDURE FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF NATIONAL CONVENTIONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION," authorized under Article V, Section 6, of the National Constitution of The American Legion.

STANDING RULES OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

1. Robert's Revised Rules of Order shall be the authority on parliamentary procedure, with the following modifications:
2. A delegate desiring to make a motion or address the Convention, shall rise, address the Chair as "Mr. Commander" and state his name and the name of the Department before proceeding.
3. Debate shall be limited to five minutes for each speaker.
4. Debate on any one subject presented to the Convention shall be limited to two hours except under such special rule as the Convention shall adopt prior to debate.
5. But two delegates from any one delegation shall be permitted the floor on any one question. Where disagreement exists within a delegation one delegate shall be permitted to speak on each side of the question. Upon a division of the question, however, this rule shall be applied separately for each division.
6. The floor shall be permitted but once to any individual delegate on any one question, except by a two-thirds vote of the Convention. Chairmen of Convention Committees may speak as frequently as may be necessary in connection with the reports of their committees. The Presiding Officer shall not entertain any motion which will curtail further debate without affording the Committee Chairman an opportunity for rebuttal.
7. Decisions on Rules of Debate or parliamentary order by the Presiding Officer may be subject to appeal by any two delegates under a Point of Order. Such appeal shall take precedence over any pending questions and shall be decided forthwith. An appeal from the decision of the Chair shall be put to the Convention on the question: "Shall the Chair be sustained?"
8. When the poll of any Department Delegation is demanded by a delegate of such department, the Convention Secretary shall poll the vote without discussion of the question being voted upon.
9. On the Roll Calls, the delegation Chairman shall poll his delegation on the floor and announce its vote.
10. In the event a delegation secretary is not an accredited delegate or alternate, he shall be seated with his delegation.
11. Past National Commanders' votes shall be cast with their delegations.
12. Only accredited delegates or their alternates, shall participate, directly or indirectly, in a viva voce vote on any subject before the convention.
13. Department delegations may arrive at a vote in such manner as they choose, but shall announce it in terms of full units and not in terms of a fractional part of a vote. The vote of any delegate absent and not represented by an alternate shall be cast by the majority of the delegates present from his Department.
14. There shall be no unit rule of voting.
15. Voting shall be by acclamation, except when a Roll Call is demanded by the Chairman of at least three Departments. Election of National Officers shall be by roll call.
16. In the event a Department has not provided the method by which alternates shall be designated to serve in the place of absent delegates, the Chairman of the delegation shall make such designation.
17. Prior to the election of National Officers, the National Commander shall appoint, subject to approval of the Convention, a Judge of Election and such number of tellers as he deems necessary, provided that the total tellers so appointed shall be an odd number. In a contested election each candidate going to the ballot shall be entitled to one teller of his choice.
18. Nominations for National Officers shall be from the floor on Roll Call of the Departments alphabetically arranged. Each Department may present as many candidates as it chooses.

19. Nominating speeches for National Officers shall be limited to five minutes each. Not more than two seconding speeches shall be made for any candidate, and said speeches shall be limited to three minutes.
20. When more than two candidates are nominated for any office, balloting shall continue until one candidate receives a majority of the votes of the Convention, except in the election of National Vice-Commanders.
21. In a contested election for National Vice Commanders, balloting shall continue until (a) majorities and (b) pluralities are established for one or more candidates under the following provisions:

If, on any ballot taken, less than five candidates receive the necessary majority to elect, the candidate or candidates receiving a majority vote shall be declared elected and a new ballot shall be taken for the remaining number of places to be filled. The candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on the preceding ballot shall be disqualified; except should two candidates remain to fill one place, a new ballot shall be taken.
22. The Convention will nominate and elect a National Commander, five National Vice Commanders, and a National Chaplain, in this sequence.
23. At the conclusion of balloting on National Vice Commanders, each Department Delegation Chairman shall deliver a written ballot to the tellers. Such ballots shall be in the hands of the tellers before communication is made to the National Commander for announcement of the results.
24. Those recognized by the National Commander shall be entitled to a respectful hearing, and the Chair shall have the authority to clear the gallery or the floor or have the Sergeant-at-Arms escort from the Convention any one creating a disturbance or interfering with orderly procedure.
25. None of the above rules shall be construed as preventing an alternate delegate from serving on a Convention committee.
26. The consent of two-thirds of the voting strength of the Convention is necessary for suspension of the standing rules of the Convention.
27. Any amendment to any resolution or report originating on the floor shall be presented in writing and transmitted to the Presiding Officer at the time of the introduction of such amendment.
28. Special rules applying to specific issues or order of business, shall be written and presented to the Convention by the Legislation and Rules Committee for adoption by majority vote at least one hour before such issue, or order, is to be considered unless such rule is agreed to by unanimous consent of the final session.

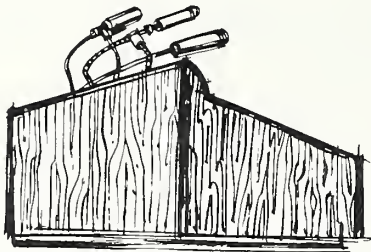
Special rules shall prevail only in the Convention adopting them.

Any delegate may apply for a special rule to the Legislation and Rules Committee or may appeal to the Convention for such special rule provided the rule be presented in writing, be read once from the platform, and shall lay upon the table at least one hour before the vote thereon is taken.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Delegates serving on the National Convention Committees should be advised that the first meeting of these Committees will be held at 1:30 p.m., Monday, August 20, 1973. Subsequent meetings, if any, will be at the call of the Committee Chairman. See page 24 of this program for meeting sites.

AGENDA
55TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
HONOLULU, HAWAII



TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1973

8:30 a.m.

CONCERT

9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Joe L. Matthews (Texas), *National Commander*

ADVANCEMENT OF COLORS

Greece Post No. 468 Color Guard

1972 National Champion

Rochester, New York

STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

INVOCATION AND LIGHTING OF CANDLE

Reverend L. P. Fitzpatrick (Iowa),

National Chaplain

PREAMBLE TO THE AMERICAN

LEGION CONSTITUTION

Joe L. Matthews (Texas), *National Commander*

CALL FOR CONVENTION

William F. Hauck (Indiana), *National Adjutant*

9:15 a.m.

WELCOME

The Honorable Frank F. Fasi, *Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu*

The Honorable John A. Burns, *Governor of Hawaii*

Libert J. Pakele, Jr., *Commander,*

The American Legion of Hawaii

NOTE: Times of subsequent sessions and times of Convention Committee Reports are subject to change by the Chair.

Wallace C. S. Young, *President,* The American Legion National Convention Corporation of Hawaii

9:30 a.m.

GREETINGS

Mrs. Thomas G. Chilton (Arizona), *National President,* American Legion Auxiliary

Donald E. Johnson, *Administrator of Veterans Affairs*

T.Y. Chao, *Chairman,* Vocational Assistance Commission for Retired Servicemen, Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China

Frank L. Goffio, *Executive Director,* CARE, Inc.

Robert G. Smellie, *Dominion President,* The Royal Canadian Legion

James M. Mayer, *President*

National Association of Collegiate Veterans

10:00 a.m.

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S REPORT

Joe L. Matthews (Texas), *National Commander*

10:15 a.m.

PRESENTATION of Medallion to the City of Chicago, Illinois, the city in which the 1972 National Convention was held

By: John H. Geiger (Illinois), *Past National Commander*

To: The Honorable Richard J. Daley, *Mayor,* Chicago, Illinois

10:30 a.m.

ADDRESS

Rear Admiral James B. Stockdale, U.S.N. (Repatriated POW)

11:00 a.m.

Report of CREDENTIALS AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS (except resolutions)

11:15 a.m.

GREETINGS

Oscar Wenstrand, *President,* The American Legion Founders

GREETINGS

Frank H. Farley, *Dominion President,* Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada

11:30 a.m.

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SALUTE TO COLORS

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 1973

9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Joe L. Matthews (Texas), *National Commander*

SALUTE TO COLORS

INVOCATION

Reverend L.P. Fitzpatrick (Iowa), *National Chaplain*

9:15 a.m.

Report of CREDENTIALS AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Credentials and Other Internal Matters
Membership

INTRODUCTION—Sons of The American Legion Representative

9:45 a.m.

Report of LEGISLATION AND RULES (Matters of Legislative)

10:00 a.m.

PRESENTATION of Representatives of The American Legion Youth Programs Oratorical Contest Winner—John Wesley Frost (Illinois)

President, 1973 Boys Nation—(Was not elected at
Press Time)

Representative, American Legion sponsored Boy
Scouts of America—Carl Clinton Wilkinson, III
(Florida)

American Legion Baseball "Player of the Year"—
Michael Charles Murphy (Missouri)

Outstanding Boy of Boys' Clubs of America—
Gilbert Baez (Pennsylvania)

10:15 a.m.

Report of AMERICANISM

10:45 a.m.

PRESENTATIONS

William Randolph Hearst Americanism Trophy

By: Charles L. Gould, Publisher,

San Francisco Examiner

To: Winning Department

Certificate of Appreciation

By: Joe L. Matthews (Texas), *National Commander*

To: Reverend L.P. Fitzpatrick (Iowa),

National Chaplain

11:00 a.m.

ADDRESS

Admiral Noel Gayler, U.S.N.,

Commander-in-Chief Pacific

11:30 a.m.

Report of VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION

Claims and Rating

Hospitals and Medical Services

12:00 Noon

REMARKS

Robert E. Hampton, *Chairman*, United
States Civil Service Commission

12:15 p.m.

Report of ECONOMIC

Employment and Veterans Preference

Other Economic Matters

12:45 p.m.

PRESENTATION—"Employer of the Year Award for Hiring Veterans"

By: Joe L. Matthews (Texas), *National Commander*

To: General Cable Corporation, Elkton, Maryland

1:00 p.m.

Report of CHILDREN & YOUTH

1:15 p.m.

Report of FINANCE

1:30 p.m.

Report of CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

SALUTE TO COLORS

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NOTE: Times of subsequent sessions and times of Convention Committee Reports are subject to change by the Chair.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 1973

9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Joe L. Matthews (Texas), *National Commander*

SALUTE TO COLORS

INVOCATION

Rev. L. P. Fitzpatrick (Iowa),
National Chaplain

9:15 a.m.

Report of FOREIGN RELATIONS

10:00 a.m.

PRESENTATION

The American Legion Fourth Estate Award

By: Joe L. Matthews (Texas), *National Commander*
To: The Honorable Clare Boothe Luce

10:30 a.m.

Report of NATIONAL SECURITY

Military

Naval

Aerospace

Civil Defense

Merchant Marine

11:30 a.m.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE AND COLORS TO OUTGOING NATIONAL COMMANDER

By: William E. Galbraith (Nebraska),
Past National Commander

Response by: Joe L. Matthews (Texas),
National Commander

12:00 Noon

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

National Commander

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY NEWLY ELECTED NATIONAL COMMANDER

Five (5) National Vice Commanders
National Chaplain

1:00 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS TO INCOMING NATIONAL COMMANDER

NOTE: The National Executive Committee will meet within twenty-four hours after the close of the Convention, upon call of the National Commander.

RESPONSE BY NEWLY ELECTED NATIONAL COMMANDER

PRESENTATION OF NEWLY ELECTED NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BENEDICTION

RETIREMENT OF COLORS

FINAL ADJOURNMENT

Waikiki Beach Will Attract Legionnaires

Waikiki Beach, which will be the center of Legion activities during the Convention, is one of America's most valued pieces of beachfront judged by both cost of land and revenue generated.

Ranking as one of the top tourist attractions in America, conservative estimates say that should Waikiki improbably go on the market, the asking price would be \$700 million. Not bad for a scant 7/10 square mile of land.

That is a hefty sum for a peninsula that until the turn of the century was a wet sprawl of swamps, duck ponds and rice paddies.

Since the early 1800s, until early 20th century days of Hawaii's last monarch, land rimming the curving stretch of beach beside Diamond Head was for a privileged few. With the advent of the hotel, resident population began to grow and more tourists began to arrive, and Waikiki could no longer be considered a playground for the idle rich.

Waikiki grew and with it problems. As late as 1943, it was "off-limits" to military personnel and tourists. The influx of people due to World War II had overtaxed limited sanitation facilities on Waikiki and it became a breeding ground for mosquitoes—dengue fever was at epidemic proportions.

But the visitors continued to come and "tourism became Hawaii's industry of unparalleled growth. By 1971, they had increased to 1.8-million and for most of them, the prime destination in the islands was fabled Waikiki.

Waikiki, once technically a 100-foot wide, 300-foot long strip near a groin, became by loose reference a nearly three mile beach front extending back several blocks, lined with hotels, residences and public facilities.

That Waikiki Beach is a most sought after place to visit is revealed in a survey of 642,300 visitors out of 1970's total of 1.7-million. About 90,000 were on their second visit to Hawaii; 34,000 were on their third, and 77,000 were on their fourth (or more) visit to the islands.

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The final resting place of more than 22,000 American servicemen and women, it is called "The Punchbowl" because the cemetery is in the heart of an extinct volcano whose slopes resemble an inverted punchbowl.

Punchbowl Crater crouches in the foothills of the Koolau Mountain range, the volcanic backbone of Oahu, and offers a commanding view of downtown Honolulu.

Formally dedicated in September, 1949, an unknown serviceman killed during the Pearl Harbor attack December 7, 1941, became the first interment. Ernie Pyle, the famed Pacific war correspondent is buried in Punchbowl. Also buried at Punchbowl are 22 recipients of America's highest military award—The Medal of Honor.

Sometimes called "The Arlington of the Pacific," Punchbowl's National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific is open daily, seven days a week.

Past National Commanders



The American Legion 1919-1972

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Pennsylvania 1919-20

**Frederick W. Galbraith, Jr.
Ohio 1920-21

***John G. Emery
Michigan 1921

*Hanford MacNider
Iowa 1921-22

*Alvin M. Owsley
Texas 1922-23

John R. Quinn
California 1923-24

*James A. Drain
District of Columbia 1924-25

*John R. McQuigg
Ohio 1925-26

*Howard P. Savage
Illinois 1926-27

*Edward E. Spafford
New York 1927-28

*Paul V. McNutt
Indiana 1928-29

*O. Lee Bodenhamer
Arkansas 1929-30

*Ralph T. O'Neil
Kansas 1930-31

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North Carolina 1931-32

*Louis Johnson
West Virginia 1932-33

*Edward A. Hayes
Illinois 1933-34

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California 1934-35

*Ray Murphy
Iowa 1935-36

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Kansas 1936-37

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Massachusetts 1937-38

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Michigan 1939-40

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Ohio 1940-41

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North Dakota 1941-42

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Tennessee 1942-43

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California 1943-44

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Illinois 1945-46

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Perry Brown
Texas 1948-49

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Indiana 1949-50

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Illinois 1971-72

PAST NATIONAL COMMANDERS BY
VOTE OF NATIONAL CONVENTION

*Bennett Champ Clark
Missouri—Presided at Paris caucus
March, 1919

*Milton J. Foreman
Illinois—Chairman, Executive
Committee at Paris

*Henry D. Lindsley
Texas—Presided at St. Louis caucus
May 1919

*Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.
New York

*Eric Fisher Wood
Pennsylvania—Temporary Chairman and
Secretary at Paris caucus

*Thomas W. Miller
Nevada—Chairman Pro Tempore
Paris Caucus March 1919

HONORARY NATIONAL COMMANDERS

*General John J. Pershing

*Marshal Ferdinand Foch

*Deceased

**Killed in auto accident while serving
as Commander

***Elected by Executive Committee to fill
unexpired term.

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Distinguished Service Medal

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of France—1921

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of Italy—1921

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of France—1921

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1922

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1923

Gen. Josef Haller
of Poland—1923

Ignace Jan Paderewski
of Poland—1926

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Francois Marie Robert Dejean
of France—1927

Field Marshal Viscount Allenby
of Great Britain—1928

Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis
1929

Adm. William S. Sims
1930

Gen. Douglas MacArthur
1942

Gen. George C. Marshall
1943

Adm. Ernest J. King
1943

Hon. Frank Knox
(Posthumously)—1944

Henry Ford
1944

Gen. H. H. Arnold
1944

President Franklin D. Roosevelt
(Posthumously)—1945

Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.
(Posthumously)—1945

Ernest (Ernie) Pyle
(Posthumously)—1945

Hon. Henry L. Stimson
1945

Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz
1945

Gen. of the Army
Dwight D. Eisenhower
1945

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1946

Bob Hope
1946

William Randolph Hearst
1946

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1946

Hon. Cordell Hull
1946

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1947

Sen. Edward Martin
1947

Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson
1947

President Harry S. Truman
1949

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(Posthumously)—1949

Maj. Gen. Frank Parker
(Posthumously)—1949

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1950

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1950

Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers
1950

Gen. Charles P. Summerall
1951

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(Posthumously)—1953

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(Posthumously)—1954

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1955

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Fulton J. Sheen
1957

Bernard Mannes Baruch
1958

Unknown Servicemen of World War
I, World War II, and Korea,
interred at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier,
Arlington National Cemetery—1958

Sen. Robert S. Kerr
1959

President John F. Kennedy
1961

Gen. Lucius D. Clay
1962

Dr. Thomas A. Dooley
(Posthumously)—1962

Francis Cardinal Spellman
1963

Dr. Charles W. Mayo
1964

President Herbert C. Hoover
(Posthumously)—1965

Hon. James F. Byrnes
1965

Capt. Roger H. C. Donlon
1966

Hon. Tom C. Clark
1967

President Lyndon B. Johnson
1968

Gen. William C. Westmoreland
1968

President Richard M. Nixon
1969

Rep. Olin E. Teague
1970

Rep. L. Mendel Rivers
(Posthumously)—1971

Sen. Richard B. Russell
(Posthumously)—1971

Sen. John C. Stennis
1972

Dewitt Wallace
1972

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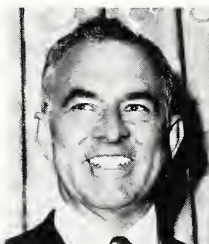
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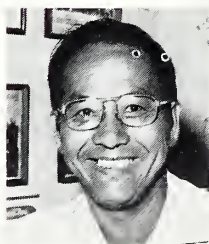
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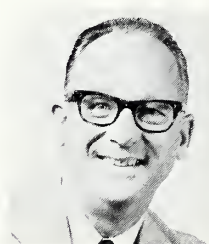
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Mrs. Clifford Y. S. Lee
Chairman

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Mrs. Henry Medeiros
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**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION
Sheraton Waikiki Hotel
Honolulu, Hawaii**



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 1973
9:00 A.M.**

**Pre-Convention National Executive Committee Meeting
Lanai Ballroom**

**2:00 P.M.
National Music Contests
Lanai Ballroom
Contestants Assemble—Molokai Ballroom
Judges—Iao Needle Room (E)**

**2:30 P.M.
Parliamentary Workshop
Koko Crater Room (G)
Mrs. Arthur B. Hanell, *National Parliamentarian***

**2:00 P.M.
PAGES REHEARSAL
Hawaii Ballroom**

**4:00 P.M.
THE AMERICAN LEGION PATRIOTIC AND MEMORIAL SERVICE
Hilton Hawaiian Village**

**5:00-6:00 P.M.
CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

CHAPLAINS

Waimanalo Room (U)
Mrs. Oscar Nelson, *National Chaplain*

HISTORIANS

Niihau Room (I)
Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher, *National Historian*

LIAISON WITH CHILD WELFARE

Waianae Room (S)
Mrs. Louis J. Lemstra, *National Chairman*

CREDENTIALS

Kohala Room (L)
Mrs. Clarence Engh, *Chairman*

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

Kona Room (M)
Mrs. Marcel Braquet, *Chairman*

RULES

Historical Room (V)
Mrs. Robert Ford, *Chairman*

**MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 1973
8:00 A.M.-10:30 A.M.
DIVISIONAL CAUCUSES**

CENTRAL

Historical Room (V)

EASTERN

Lanai Ballroom

NORTHWESTERN

Niihau Room (I)

SOUTHERN

Kauai Ballroom

WESTERN

Kohala & Kona Rooms (L&M)

**10:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.
THE AMERICAN LEGION PARADE**

1:00 P.M.

Opening Session—General Convention—Hawaii Ballroom

Mrs. Clifford Smith, *Convention Organist*

Announcement of Processional

Mrs. Clifford Lee, *National Convention Chairman*

Presentation of the National President

Mrs. Lee

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. T. G. Chilton, *National President*

INVOCATION

Mrs. Oscar Nelson, *National Chaplain*

Moment of Silence

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mrs. Paul Brown,
National Americanism Chairman

PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION

Led by Mrs. Alvin Moltzen,
National Constitution & Bylaws Chairman

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Led by Mrs. Anthony Ventura,
National Music Chairman

"WELCOME"

Mrs. T. G. Chilton,
National President

"Leis of Welcome"

Mr. Wallace C. S. Young, *National
Convention Corporation President*

Mrs. Clifford Y. F. Lee, *National
Convention Chairman and President,
Department of Hawaii 1972-1973*

The Honorable John Burns
Governor of Hawaii

The Honorable Frank F. Fasi
Mayor of Honolulu

INTRODUCTION AND GREETINGS

National Commander Joe L. Matthews, The American Legion
National Adjutant William F. Hauck, The American Legion

Greetings of the National Officers:

Mrs. B. M. Jarrett, *National Vice President*,
Mrs. Louis Unfer, *Central Division National Vice President* --
Mrs. Edward Wellman, *Eastern Division National Vice President*
Mrs. Pierce J. Clark, *Northwestern Division National Vice President*
Mrs. Norville D. Johnson, *Southern Division National Vice President*
Mrs. Elliot W. Burdett, *Western Division National Vice President*
Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher, *National Historian*
Mrs. Oscar Nelson, *National Chaplain*
Miss Doris Anderson, *National Secretary*
Mrs. Myner Freeman, *National Treasurer*
Mrs. Arthur B. Hanell, *National Parliamentarian*

Leis of Salute to the Past National Presidents

Mrs. T. G. Chilton
National President

Mrs. Robert Walbridge
Mrs. William H. Biester, Jr.
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Mrs. Oscar W. Hahn
Mrs. James Morris
Mrs. Louis J. Lemstra
Mrs. Mark W. Murrill
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Mrs. Walter G. Craven
Mrs. Norton H. Pearl
Mrs. Lee W. Hutton
Mrs. Norman L. Sheehe
Mrs. Willis C. Reed
Mrs. E. A. Campbell
Mrs. Harold S. Burdett

Mrs. J. Pat Kelly
Mrs. Alexander H. Gray
Mrs. Henry Ahnemiller
Mrs. J. Howard McKay
Mrs. O. L. Koger
Mrs. Luther D. Johnson
Mrs. Walter Wild Andrews
Mrs. Walter H. Glynn
Mrs. A. J. Ryan, Sr.
Mrs. Vernon H. Randall
Mrs. Arthur B. Hanell
Mrs. H. Milton Davidson
Mrs. Charles C. Shaw
Mrs. Robert L. Parker

Greetings from the Past National Presidents

Mrs. Robert L. Parker
Junior Past National President

INTRODUCTIONS

Mrs. Robert Chain,
Chairman of Pages

Mrs. Anna Gouveia,
Vice Chairman of Pages

Personal Pages to the National President:

Mrs. John Hayden
Mrs. Harvey Volkers
Mrs. Raymond Mahoney

Mrs. Ernest Bradshaw
Mrs. George Demas
Mrs. John Cook

Distinguished Guest Committee

Mrs. David Kealoha, *Chairman*
Mrs. Charles Shaw, *Vice Chairman*
Mrs. R. L. Parker, *Member*

Mrs. H. Milton Davidson, *Member*
Mrs. A. J. Ryan Sr., *Member*

REPORT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Credentials

Rules

Permanent Organization

Mrs. Clarence Engh, *Chairman*
Mrs. Robert Ford, *Chairman*
Mrs. Marcel Braquet, *Chairman*

NOMINATION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 1973-1974

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Tributes to:

Mrs. Boyce Ficklen
Mrs. William H. Corwith
Mrs. Charles B. Gilbert

Mrs. J. Pat Kelly, *Past National President*
Mrs. Harold S. Burdett, *Past National President*
Mrs. J. Howard McKay, *Past National President*

Recess 5:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1973

8:00-9:30 A.M.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

Honolulu Room (O)
Mrs. Alvin Moltzen, *National Chairman*

AMERICANISM

Lanai Ballroom
Mrs. Paul Brown, *National Chairman*

AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND

Waimanalo Room (U)
Mrs. J. Howard McKay, *National Chairman*

COMMUNICATIONS

Kahuku Room (P)
Mrs. John J. Roethel, *National Chairman*

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Iao Needle & Akaka Falls Rooms (E&F)
Mrs. Thomas Gear, *National Chairman*

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Wailua Room (O)
Mrs. Melvin Junge, *National Chairman*

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Kauai Ballroom
Mrs. Odette Cuccaro, *National Chairman*

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY

Niihau Room (I)
Mrs. Walter Wild Andrews, *National Chairman*

SPIRIT OF '76

Kohala & Kona Rooms (L&M)
Mrs. H. Milton Davidson, *National Chairman*

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

Historical Room (V)
Mrs. Maurice Kubby, *National Chairman*

9:30-11:00 A.M.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Kauai Ballroom

Mrs. Alan M. Schanel, *National Chairman*

CIVIL DEFENSE & EMERGENCY PLANNING

Waimanalo Room (U)

Mrs. Ted Galka, *National Chairman*

FOREIGN RELATIONS

Honolulu Room (o)

Mrs. Walter Stolte, *National Chairman*

LEGISLATIVE

Iao Needle & Akaka Falls Rooms (E&F)

Mrs. Deverre Harper, *National Chairman*

MEMBERSHIP

Lanai Ballroom

Mrs. Earl Bigalow, *National Chairman*

MUSIC

Waianae Room (S)

Mrs. Anthony Ventura, *National Chairman*

GIRLS STATE

Historical Room (V)

Mrs. Lyle Seymour, *National Chairman*

NATIONAL SECURITY

Wailua Room (R)

Mrs. Bernard F. Kennedy, *National Chairman*

PUBLICATIONS

Niihau Room (I)

Mrs. H. B. Behrend, *National Chairman*

11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIPS

Kahuku Room (P)

Mrs. Firman E. Henricks, *National Chairman*

POPPY

Historical Room (V)

Mrs. John J. Adams, *National Chairman*

FINANCE

Kohala & Kona Rooms (L&M)

Mrs. Fred Kallenberger, *National Chairman*

RESOLUTIONS

Puna Room (K)

Mrs. Walter Wild Andrews, *Chairman*

(Remainder of the day open except for Marche of the Eight & Forty)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 1973

**CONVENTION SESSION
Kauai and Maui Ballrooms**

8:30 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. T. G. Chilton,
National President

INVOCATION

Mrs. Oscar Nelson,
National Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mrs. Paul Brown,
National Americanism Chairman

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Led by Mrs. Anthony Ventura,
National Music Chairman

PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION

Led by Mrs. Alvin Moltzen,
National Constitution & Bylaws Chairman

"A Record of our Concern and Commitment . . . to our Communities"

The Report of the National President, Mrs. T. G. Chilton

GREETINGS

Rear Admiral James B. Stockdale,
USN, Bureau of Naval
Personnel (Former POW)

"We Spoke of our Concern"

(Reports of National Chairmen)

AMERICANISM

AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND

COMMUNICATIONS

LIAISON WITH CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION

CIVIL DEFENSE & EMERGENCY PLANNING

LEGISLATIVE

NATIONAL SECURITY

WOMEN'S FORUM ON NATIONAL SECURITY

Mrs. Paul Brown, *National Chairman*

Mrs. J. Howard McKay, *National Chairman*

Mrs. John J. Roethel, *National Chairman*

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Mrs. Norton H. Pearl, *National Chairman*

ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS 1973-1974

GREETINGS:

Mrs. Lucien J. Landry, La Chapeau Nationale, Eight and Forty

"Our Commitment to Service"

(Reports of National Chairmen)

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

CHILDREN & YOUTH

FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mrs. Maurice Kubby, *National Chairman*

Mrs. Alan Schanel, *National Chairman*

Mrs. Walter Stolte, *National Chairman*

ADDRESS

Mr. Frank Goffio, CARE, Inc.

GREETINGS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:

NOON RECESS

12:15 P.M.

2:00

**Hawaii Ballroom
Meeting Reconvenes**

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. T. G. Chilton, *National President*

Salute to the 1972-1973 Department Presidents

"At Work in Our Communities"

(Reports of National Chairmen)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mrs. Thomas Gear,
National Chairman

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Melvin Junge,
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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

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ADDRESS

The Honorable Patsy T. Mink,
Member of Congress, Hawaii

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY

Mrs. Walter Wild Andrews, *National Chairman*

GIRLS STATE

Mrs. Lyle Seymour, *National Chairman*

MUSIC

Mrs. Anthony K. Ventura, *National Chairman*

Selection from Winning Music Contest Groups:

Seniors: Chorus

Juniors: Quartette

EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIPS

Mrs. Firman E. Henricks, *National Chairman*

POPPY

Mrs. John J. Adams, *National Chairman*

RECESS

4:00 P.M.

STATES DINNER

Hawaii Ballroom

8:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 1973

Kauai, Maui & Molokai Ballrooms

8:30 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. T. G. Chilton,
National President

INVOCATION

Mrs. Oscar Nelson,
National Chaplain

**"We Strengthen Our Commitment . . .
. . . by Strengthening our Organization"**
(Reports of National Chairmen)

MEMBERSHIP

Mrs. Earl Bigalow, *National Chairman*

Salute to Goal Departments

FINANCE

Mrs. Fred Kallenberger, *National Chairman*

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

Mrs. Alvin Moltzen, *National Chairman*

PUBLICATIONS

Mrs. H. B. Behrend, *National Chairman*

"A LOOK AHEAD: SPIRIT OF '76"

Mrs. H. Milton Davidson, *National Chairman*

CAVALCADE OF MEMORIES

Mrs. Vernon H. Randall, *National Chairman*

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Walter Wild Andrews, *Chairman*

Mrs. Raymond Wellington, *Vice Chairman*

Mrs. Henry Hill, *Member*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11:15 A.M.
INSTALLATION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS 1973-1974

Installing Officer:

Mrs. Walter G. Craven, *Past National President*,
Assisted by Mrs. Walter Wild Andrews, *Past National President*

PRESENTATION OF COLORS TO RETIRING PRESIDENT:

Mrs. Henry Ahnemiller, *Past National President*

PRESENTATION OF PIN AND RIBBON TO RETIRING PRESIDENT:

Mrs. Norton H. Pearl, *Past National President*

BENEDICTION

Mrs. Oscar Nelson,
National Chaplain

RETIREMENT OF COLORS

ADJOURNMENT OF THE CONVENTION

Mrs. T. G. Chilton, *Retiring*
National President

POST-CONVENTION NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Lanai Ballroom

1:00 P.M.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Iao Needle & Akaka Falls Rooms (E&F)

1:30 P.M.

NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEES

NATIONAL CONVENTION CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Clifford Lee

NATIONAL CONVENTION VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Henry X. Medeiros

NATIONAL CONVENTION SECRETARY

Mrs. Beatrice Gomes

COURTESIES (Distinguished Guests)

Mrs. Louise Cockett, *Chairman*
Mrs. Mary Johnson, *Vice Chairman*

DISTINGUISHED GUEST COMMITTEE

Mrs. Rosabella Kealoha, *Chairman*
Mrs. Francis Ai, *Vice Chairman*

EXHIBITS

Mrs. Edythe Kaanapu, *Chairman*
Mrs. Erminda Akiona, *Vice Chairman*

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Red Cross Representatives

FLOWERS/CORSAGES

Mrs. Ruth Ching, *Chairman*
Mrs. Daisy McKeague, *Vice Chairman*

HALLS & SEATING

Mrs. Betty Mark, *Chairman*
Mrs. Laura Hashimoto, *Vice Chairman*

HOSPITALITY

Mrs. Frances Viveiros, *Chairman*
Mrs. Charlotte Morris, *Vice Chairman*

INFORMATION

Mrs. Bette Sanders, *Chairman*
Mrs. Anne Abbas, *Vice Chairman*

LOST & FOUND

Mrs. En Kyau Kong, *Chairman*
Mrs. Mary C. Au, *Vice Chairman*

MUSIC

Mrs. Wilhelmina Wynne, *Chairman*
Mrs. Louise Chun, *Vice Chairman*

NATIONAL CHAIRMEN'S BREAKFAST

Mrs. Ethel Shonk, *Chairman*
Mrs. Esther Soong, *Vice Chairman*

NATIONAL OFFICERS' LUNCHEON

Mrs. Elsie Motoyama, *Chairman*
Mrs. Marie Murphy, *Vice Chairman*

PAGES

Mrs. Anna Gouveia, *Chairman*

Mrs. Antoinette Lee, *Vice Chairman*

PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS' LUNCHEON

Mrs. Eileen Carter, *Chairman*

Mrs. Adeline Pieper, *Vice Chairman*

STAGE

Mrs. Josephine Keanu, *Chairman*

Mrs. Germaine Keliikoa, *Vice Chairman*

STATES DINNER

Mrs. Amy Farias, *Chairman*

Mrs. Angeline Mokuau, *Vice Chairman*

RECEPTION ARRANGEMENTS

Mrs. Margaret Niderost, *Chairman*

Mrs. Eleanor Lai, *Vice Chairman*



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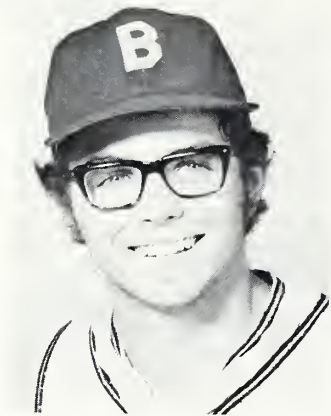


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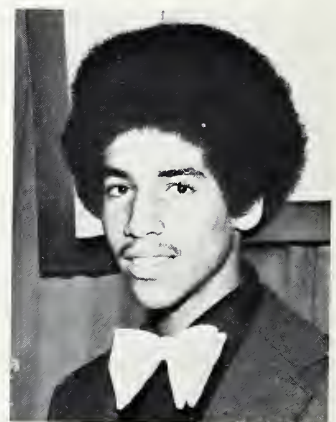
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National Officers



Mrs. Lucien J. Landry
Le Chapeau National



Mrs. Robert C. Snow
La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale

REGISTRATION

Pacific Ballroom Lobby

Saturday, August 18, 1973 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Salon National Headquarters Suite

Monday, August 20, 1973 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

SUNDAY, August 19, 1973

AWARDS LUNCHEON—Australia Suite—1:00 P.M.

PRE-MARCHE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Mrs. Sherman Lansdale, *Chairman*
Hilo Kona

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Mrs. William Burdick, *Chairman*
Kaukai Room

PARTNERSHIP

Mrs. B. J. Gill, *Chairman*
Lanai Room

RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Robert Angel, *Chairman*
Kailua Room

SCHOLARSHIP

Miss Julia V. Mullan, *Chairman*
Molokai Suite

PRE-MARCHE POUVOIR

Hilo Kona

8:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1973

Opening Session Marche Nationale

Moorea Suite—1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Processional of National Officers, Chapeaux Nationaux Passes and Distinguished Guests

Mrs. Henry X. Medeiros, La Marche
Chairman presiding

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Lucien J. Landry, Le Chapeau National

INVOCATION

Mrs. Harry Russell, L'Aumonier Nationale

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mrs. Charles Smith, leading
La Concierge Nationale

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

FLANDERS FIELD

Mrs. Joe Ferguson, Le Demi
Chapeau, Southern Division

AMERICA'S ANSWER

Mrs. Dora Trowbridge, Le Demi
Chapeau, Western Division

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Robert C. Snow, La Secretaire-
Caissiere Nationale

READING OF CALL TO 52nd ANNUAL MARCHE NATIONALE

READING OF THE MINUTES OF 1972 MARCHE NATIONALE

GREETINGS—

Mr. Wallace C.S. Young, President, The American
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PRESENTATION AND REPORTS OF LES DEMI CHAPEAUX NATIONAUX—INTRODUCTION OF LES CHAPEAUX DEPARTEMENTAUX

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RESPONSE

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REPORT OF SPECIAL MARCHE COMMITTEES

Rules and Order—Mrs. Michael Duke
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Credentials—Mrs. Elmer Martin

NOMINATION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 1974

REPORTS OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

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Scholarship—Miss Julia V. Mullan
Trophy Plaques and Awards—Mrs. R. G. Grahlmann

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HANDBOOK

Mrs. William J. Staley

PRESENTATION OF LOCAL MARCHE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

RECESS

DIVISIONAL CAUCUSES

4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Eastern Division	Hilo Kano
Central Division	Waikiki Suite
Southern Division	Kailua Room
Northwestern Division	Molokai Room
Western Division	Lanai Room

MEET THE CANDIDATE RECEPTION Bora Bora Room
8:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 1973

FINAL SESSION MARCHE NATIONALE

Bora Bora Suite—2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Harry Russell
L'Aumonier Nationale

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Led by Mrs. Charles Smith
La Concierge Nationale

GREETINGS

The Honorable John A. Burns—Governor of Hawaii
The Honorable Frank F. Fasi—Mayor of Honolulu,
Hawaii

Mr. Joe L. Matthews—National Commander, The
American Legion

Mrs. T. G. Chilton—National President, American
Legion Auxiliary

Miss Doris Anderson—National Secretary, American
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Mr. Libert J. Pakele, Jr.—Commander, Department of
Hawaii, The American Legion

Mrs. Wallace C. S. Lee—President, Department of
Hawaii, American Legion Auxiliary

Mrs. Manuel Q. Gouveia—Le Chapeau, Salon
Departemental of Hawaii, Eight and Forty

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS

Mrs. Elmer Martin

ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 1974

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Children and Youth—Mrs. Sherman Lansdale
Finance—Mrs. James C. Gleason

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Robert Angel

REPORT OF JUDGE OF ELECTIONS

Mrs. George Morton

RATIFICATION OF ELECTION OF LES DEMI CHAPEAUX NATIONAUX

PRESENTATION OF NEWLY ELECTED NATIONAL OFFICERS

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NATIONAL'S PERSONAL PAGE**

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POST - MARCHE POUVOIR

Waikiki Suite 5:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

**LA MARCHE NATIONALE BANQUET AND
INSTALLATION**

Moorea Suite 7:30 P.M.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

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National Passe, Installing Officer

**PRESENTATION OF LE CHAPEAU
NATIONAL PASSE PIN**

Mrs. Robert C. Snow

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ADJOURNMENT

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August 18-19, 1973
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National Commander



Registration Friday, Aug. 17, 1973
Exhibit Hall of the Mid-Pacific Conference Center 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Registration Saturday, Aug. 18, 1973
Tapa Room
8:30 a.m. to Noon

National Executive Com. Saturday, Aug. 18, 1973
(Pre-Convention Meeting) Tapa Room -- 8:30 a.m.*

*Convention Committees meet immediately following adjournment of NEC meeting.

2nd National Convention Saturday, Aug. 18, 1973
Tapa Room -- 1:30 p.m.

Presiding Officer National SAL Commander
Robert H. Faust of California

Presentation of Colors
Invocation
Preamble
Re-establishment of Committees
Any other business
Benediction
Recess*

*Convention Committees re-meet to complete reports.

2nd National Convention Sunday, Aug. 19, 1973
Tapa Room -- 9:00 a.m.

Presentation of Colors
Invocation
Preamble
Reports of Convention Committees
New Business
Presentations
For the Good of the SAL
Appointment by National Commander Faust of Judge of Elections and tellers
Nomination of National Officers for 1973-74

Election of National Officers for 1973-74
National Commander
National Vice Commander (East)
National Vice Commander (West)
National Chaplain

Installation of National Officers
Acceptance Speeches
Any other business
Benediction
Adjournment

National Executive Com. Sunday, Aug 19, 1973
(Post-Convention Meeting) Tapa Room - - Immediately following conclusion of National Convention

Presiding Officer Newly elected National SAL Commander

Introduction of newly elected Vice Commanders and Chaplain

Appointment of National Adjutant
National Judge Advocate
National Historian
National Sergeant-at-Arms*

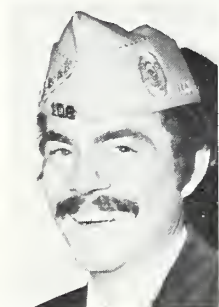
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Appointment of National Committees for 1973-74
New Business
Unfinished Business
Adjournment

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August 20, 1973



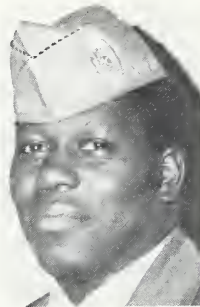
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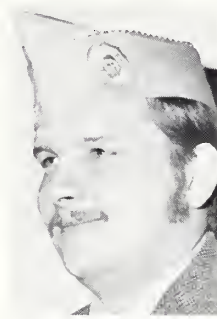
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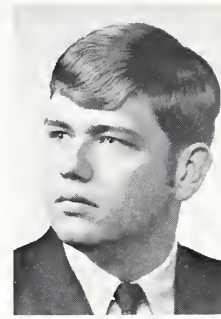
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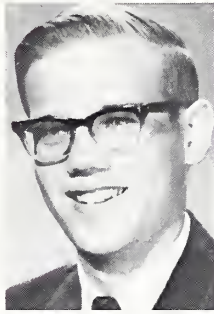
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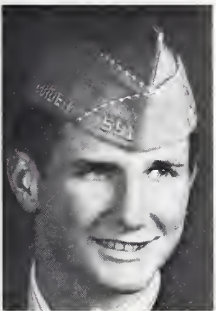
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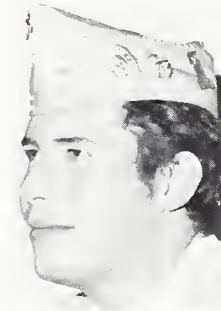
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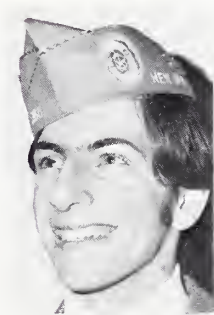
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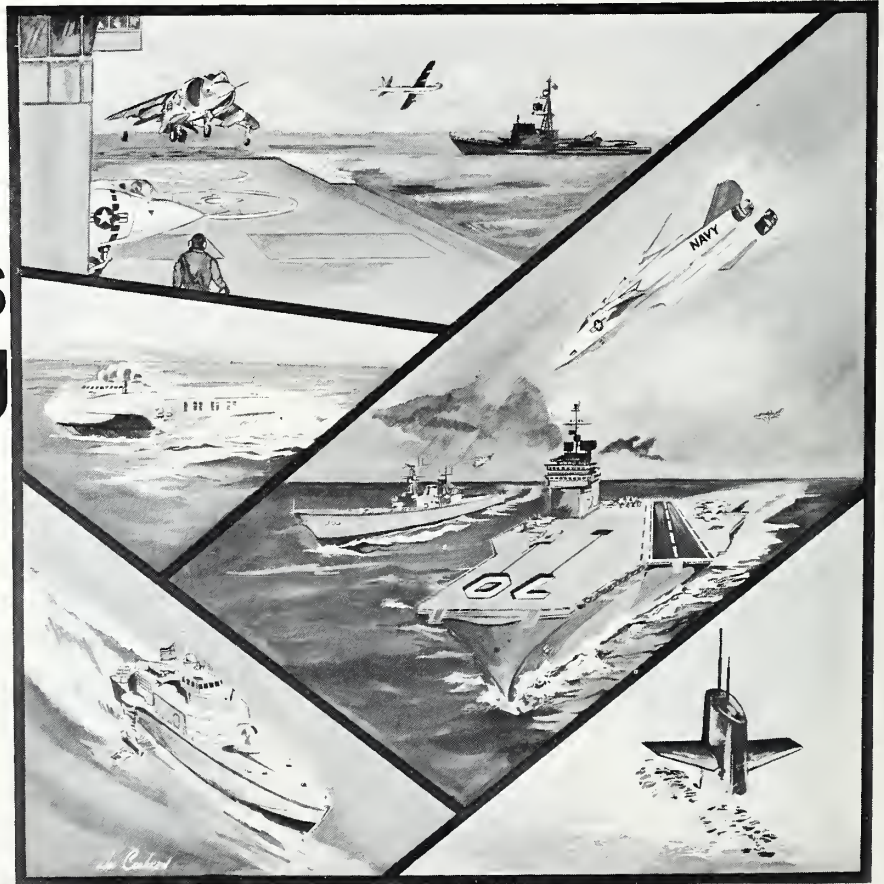
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Eating Is An Adventure To Enjoy in Hawaii

There are three ways to eat in Hawaii: forks, chopsticks or fingers.

And food may be served on china, paper or ti leaf.

But if there are only three ways to dine, meals served are as varied as the state's racial mix; menus are a rich mix of the cosmopolitan.

There is a vast difference between Hawaiian foods and food of Hawaii. The former can be pig and poi but the latter may be haute cuisine.

Dining in Hawaii offers such a rich experience, visitors who stick to ham 'n' eggs, hamburger 'n' Coke or steak 'n' french fries will miss much of the eating adventure of the 50th State.

Although the luau is probably the best known of Hawaii's gastronomic traditions, Hawaiian food of authentic style is also available to visitors in restaurants specializing in the ethnic treats.

Beyond pig and poi, Hawaiians enjoy items strange to the Mainland palate such as laulau (fish, port and taro leaves steamed in a ti leaf pouch), pipikaula (beef jerky), tripe stew, baked ulu (breadfruit), opihi (limpets) and meats or stews flavored with chili pepper water (a fiery mixture of peppers, garlic and water served cautiously like flame from a bottle).

In a category, not strictly Hawaiian, but possibly termed "local" and more frequently found on menus, are native fish such as mahimahi, (a dolphin relative), aku (ocean bonito), ahi (albacore), opakapaka (pink snapper) or ulua (pompano).

Fresh tropical fruits, such as pineapple and papaya, are plentiful, of course, but even more exotic are the available guava, usually made into jelly; poha (ground cherry), converted into jam; lilikoi (passion fruit), as juice, sherbet or pie, and mangoes, found fresh in season, but year round as chutney.

Oriental food—Japanese and Chinese—is readily available in Island restaurants, but, possibly because Hawaii is closer to the original sources, both may be more authentic than Mainland offerings.

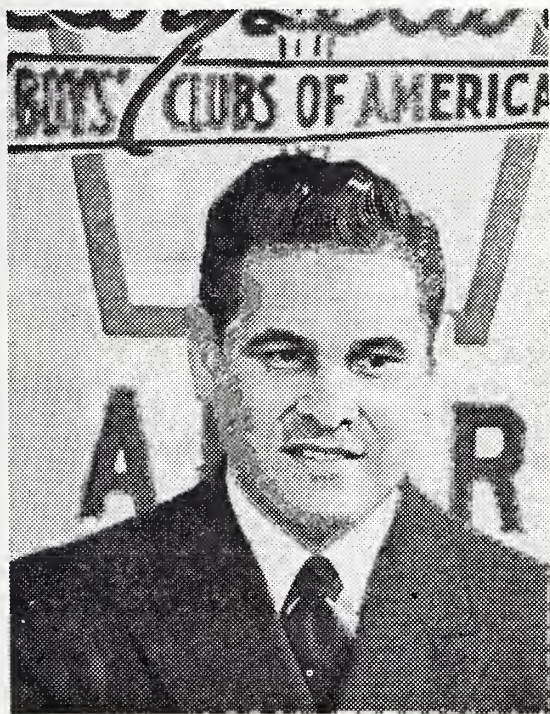
As each ethnic group came to the Islands, so came their favorite dishes. Island tables therefore often feature Korean kim chee (hot, spiced vegetables) or kun koki (barbecued meat with soyu and sesame oil); Portuguese pao doce (sweet bread) or malasadas (hole-less doughnuts), or Filipino adobo (pork and chicken flavored with garlic and vinegar) or pochoero (chicken, pork and beef cooked with bananas and other vegetables).

It may be why in Hawaii if you are bid to "hele mai e 'ai," which means "come and eat," you just might not know what you will find on the table.





Extending support to worthwhile organizations providing services for Children & Youth rather than establishing duplicate services is a basic principle for the Legion's Children & Youth program. Representatives of Post 58, Belleville, Illinois, are shown putting this principle into practice by presenting a "Language Master Library" to the Director of a Children's Center for Behavioral Development.



"I'm proud to be an American, an officer in the U.S. Navy . . . and proudest of all to be a former member of the Boys' Clubs of America."

Seven and a half years of torture, deprivation and mental agony in North Viet Nam's infamous "Hanoi Hilton" failed to break U.S. Navy Commander James "Duffy" Hutton's spirit. A good part of that spirit he traces to his membership 30 years ago in the Washington, D.C., Boys' Club.

"If you're going to remember anything about me, remember me as a product of the Boys' Clubs of America," he recently told 1,200 cheering delegates to the 67th annual Boys' Clubs Convention.

Fortunately, "Duffy" is the only known former Boys' Club member to become a POW. Fortunately too, millions of other former Boys' Club members have proudly served their country in four wars with highest honors, including the Congressional Medal. Assured of the invaluable help of the Legion, some 1,100 Boys' Clubs will continue to help build a better, stronger, safer America.



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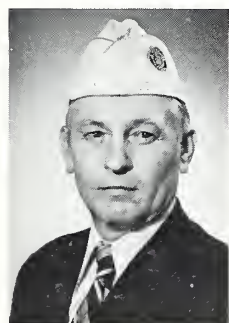


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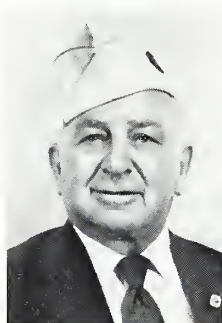


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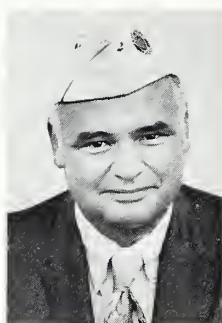
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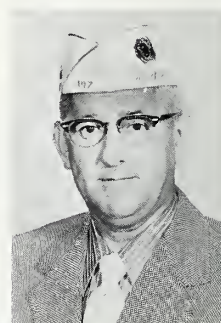
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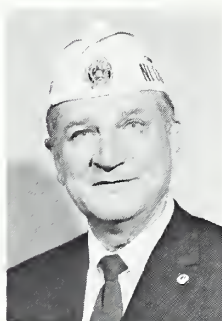
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These Department Commanders "Put It All Together" for National Commander Joe L. Matthews in 1973! They led their respective Departments to the attainment of 100 points or more under a scoring system set up by the National Membership and Post Activities Committee. Points were earned by meeting specified goals by designated membership target dates and by chartering new American Legion Posts.



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Since 1921, The American Legion has been represented by a group of "trouble shooters" known as Field Representatives. Unofficially, the Field Service has been referred to as "The Eye and Ears of The American Legion."



The number of Field Representatives varied from the original 14 Liaison Representatives, appointed in 1921 and assigned to each of the 14 district offices of the old Veterans Bureau, to the 6 Field Representatives and an Assistant Director for Claims and Field Service, now headquartered at our Washington Office. After World War II, the number of Field Representatives reached the high of 22.

The Field Representatives function as part of the Commission's headquarters and are engaged in rehabilitation matters on a full time schedule, each spending approximately 25 weeks per year in the field.

Field Representatives make periodic visits to each of the VA Hospitals for the purpose of evaluating the quality of service provided veteran patients.

At the present time, the Field Representatives visit about 150 hospitals annually. They also visit domiciliaries, regional offices, contract nursing homes, foster homes, as required or requested.

Visitation reports containing statistical and narrative summaries are written on each visit and are submitted, through the office of the Director, to the Veterans Administration, Department officials and Senate and House Committees on Veterans Affairs. These reports often contain recommendations for improving some function or procedure in the operation of VA facilities. The independent evaluation of the VA program has proven to be a major asset to The American Legion in efforts to assist veterans.

Field Representatives also perform other functions such as arranging conferences, taking part in Service Officers Schools and American Legion Colleges, and frequently substituting for Department Service Officers. When necessary, they conduct surveys for the Commission. At times, they have been called on by the National Membership and Post Activities Division to assist in membership promotion.

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In the highest American tradition, these Guard and Reserve forces are manned by civilians. Their voluntary service takes them from their homes, their families and their occupations. On weekends, and at other times, they train to prepare themselves to answer their country's call to active service in the United States armed forces.

If these volunteer forces are to continue to serve our nation, a broader public understanding is required of the total force concept of national security—and the essential role of the Guard and Reserve within it.

The Guard and Reserve need the patriotic cooperation of American employers in facilitating the participation of their eligible employees in Guard and Reserve programs, without impediment or penalty.

We therefore join other members of the American business community in agreement that:

1. Our employees' job and career opportunities will not be limited or reduced because of their service in the Guard or Reserve;
2. Our employees will be granted leaves of absence for military training in the Guard or Reserve without sacrifice of vacation time; and
3. This agreement and the resultant company policies will be made known throughout the organization and announced in company publications and through other existing means of communication.

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Legionnaires Will Visit Iolani Palace

A royal palace on American soil?

True.

It's Iolani Palace in central Honolulu, an authentic royal palace built during the waning days of the great Hawaiian Monarchy. King David Kalakaua, Hawaii's "Merry Monarch," was first to rule from the Palace. Kalakaua, a 33rd degree Mason in Scottish Rite, laid the cornerstone of the big, grey, regal building on December 31, 1879. He took residence officially in late 1882, holding a banquet for some 120 Masons as the first public festivity.

Located at the hub of a bustling government complex known as "Civic Center," Iolani Palace reflects a potpourri of antique European architectural styles. Some say the design is less than classic, that it's a pompous example of "rococo ornate."

But no matter. Thousands of visitors to Hawaii enjoy its expansive chambers, particularly the splendid Throne Room which, during the days of the Monarchy, was more of a center of entertainment and festivity than of sober state business.

After Kalakaua's death, the Palace was inhabited by Hawaii's last royal ruler: Queen Liliuokalani, sister of the "Merry Monarch." Two years later she was forced to give up her throne as Hawaii moved toward independence and annexation.

Iolani Palace was successively the seat of government during the days of the Republic of Hawaii, the territorial headquarters up to the beginning of Statehood in 1959, and finally the office of the Governor of the State of Hawaii until the completion of the new Capitol in 1968.

"Bird of Heaven" is the literal translation of Iolani, and to Hawaiians it means the one god above all gods.

Those enormous crystal chandeliers hanging in the Throne Room were personally brought from Europe by King David Kalakaua. Not the real thing but so close to it as to be virtually undetectable is the pair of throne chairs serving as the focal point in the Throne Room. (The real throne chairs are at Bishop Museum.)

Now that the seat of government has moved to the new Capitol, life at Iolani Palace has slowed its pace. It continues to grow old gracefully, to welcome visitors from the Mainland and the Orient, to illuminate a chapter of Hawaiian history forever gone, but never to be forgotten.



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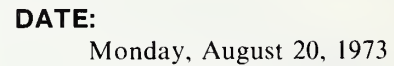
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The American Legion 55th National Convention



FORMATION AREA:
See Attached Map

REVIEWING STAND:
On south side of Kalakaua
Avenue at Kealahilani Avenue.

DISBANDING AREA:
On Monsarrat Avenue
(Kapiolani Park)

PARADE ORDERS

THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION PARADE

Monday, August 20, 1973

10:00 A. M.

PARADE CHAIRMAN

Bernard J. Peron
The American Legion
Department of Hawaii
612 McCully Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96815

HONORARY MARSHAL

Boniface K. Aiu
Fire Chief
City and County of Honolulu
Honolulu, Hawaii 96802

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Admiral Noel Gayler, USN
Commander in Chief, Pacific
FPO, San Francisco 96610

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John H. Geiger
758 Laurel Avenue
Des Plaines, Illinois 60016

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HQ United States Army Pacific
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Major General William G. Johnson, USMC

Deputy Commanding General FMFPAC
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Major General Frederick C. Blesse, USAF

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677 Ala Moana Boulevard
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Adjutant General of Hawaii
Fort Ruger
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816

COORDINATING COMMANDER

Commander Nadene B. LaBonte, USN
CINCPACFLT
FPO, San Francisco 96610



PARADE ORDER

The official parade of the 55th National Convention of The American Legion will be governed by instructions contained herein, together with the Organization and March Time Table and Assembly and Disbanding Area Map, which are made a part hereof.

1. TIME: (All times in these orders are Hawaii Standard Time.)

- (a) The leading element of the parade will move from the "Initial Point" (corner of Kalakaua Avenue and Saratoga Road) promptly at 10:00 A.M., Monday, August 20, 1973, regardless of weather.
- (b) The time and place of assembly for each Department or element of the Parade will be shown in detail on the Organization and March Time Table, a copy of which has been sent to each Department Adjutant and to the Department Parade Chairmen. **A meeting of all Department Parade Chairmen will be held at 10:00 A.M., Sunday, August 19, 1973, in Coral Ballroom # IV of the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel.**
- (c) A Parade Official will meet his assigned division at the assembly area following unloading. He will direct the buses toward the route to the disbanding area.
- (d) Because of the nature of the assembly area, accurate logistics are essential. **PROMPTNESS IN ARRIVAL AT THE ASSEMBLY AREA IS MANDATORY.**

2. ROUTE:

On Kalakaua Avenue, east from Fort DeRussy to Monsarrat Avenue, (Kapiolani Park) the disbanding area.

3. ASSEMBLY AREA:

- (a) Assembly area - Fort DeRussy. (Refer to attached map)

- (b) Additional instructions for each Department will be furnished by the Parade Committee at the meeting of the Department Parade Chairmen on Sunday, August 19, at 10:00 A.M., in Coral Ballroom # IV of the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel.
- (c) Signs carrying Department name will designate the head of each Department assembly point.
- (d) Float assembly area will be announced.

4. ORGANIZATION:

- (a) All elements have been assigned to Divisions, each under the direction of a parade official. The composition of these Divisions, order of March, and time and place of assembly is shown on the Organization and March Time Table and Assembly and Disbanding Area Map supplied to Department Parade Chairmen.
- (b) All Department of Defense Units will be governed by applicable regulations.
- (c) Each Department Commander or appointed parade representative will be responsible for the order of march and promptness of arrival at the assembly area of all units of his Department. All units will conform to the following distribution and formation:

(1) MASSED COLORS: Eight (8) abreast

All American Flags, the Department and Post Colors of each Department and the Department and Unit Colors of each Department of the Auxiliary, will be massed at the head of each Department Delegation in that order.

- (2) American Legion Units within Departments will march in formation eight (8) abreast, one and one-half yards between ranks.
- (3) BAND and DRUM CORPS: As directed by Drum Majors, but not to exceed eight (8) abreast.
- (4) Authorized floats and automobiles in single column. No unauthorized floats or automobiles will be allowed to participate. **All vehicles participating in the parade must be equipped with identifying signs on sides thereof, and must also carry an "OFFICIAL CAR" sticker on the windshield.**

- (5) **No maneuvers except for a forward movement - THIS IS A MUST.** All violators will be dismissed from the parade immediately.

(d) DISTANCES:

- (1) Between Divisions—30 yards
- (2) Between Departments—20 yards
- (3) Between elements of a Department—10 yards

5. DISBANDING AREA:

On Monsarrat Avenue (Kapiolani Park).

6. OFFICIAL REVIEWING STAND:

The official reviewing stand will be located on the south (makai) side of Kalakaua Avenue at Kcalohilani Avenue. Elements will render a salute to the National Commander while passing the reviewing stand (eyes right). Warning signs at 500 and 300 feet will inform all units of the distance to the reviewing stand.

7. ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE AND CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS:

- (a) Pursuant to a resolution adopted at a meeting of the National Convention Commission at Miami Beach on March 12, 1960, there will be no participation of any vehicles, equipment or items of wearing apparel of the 40 et 8. This regulation will be enforced by the Parade Committee of the 1973 Convention Corporation.
- (b) With the exception of police, military and naval escort, and distinguished guests, eligibility to participate in the parade is limited to the members of The American Legion and the uniformed bodies of The American Legion Auxiliary, subject to restriction of the following activities which shall be prohibited in the line of march:
 - (1) The drinking of or simulated drinking of intoxicants.
 - (2) Participants under the influence of intoxicants.
 - (3) Use of water pistols and electric shocking devices.
 - (4) Female impersonators.
 - (5) Firecrackers and any other explosives.
 - (6) Any presentation or representation either immoral or in bad taste.
 - (7) Distribution of souvenirs, promotional or advertising material, either from floats or by marching units.
- (c) Violators of any of the above rules will be dismissed from the parade immediately.

8. FIRST AID STATIONS:

First Aid Stations will be established in the assembly area, at intervals along the line of march and the disbanding area.

MARCH ORDER

ESCORT DIVISION

Assemble at 9:00 A.M.

Departure at 10:00 A.M.

A. ESCORT

*B. HONORARY MARSHAL

*C. GRAND MARSHAL

*D. HONORARY GRAND MARSHAL

*E. DEPUTY GRAND MARSHALS

*F. COORDINATING COMMANDER

* Bus transportation for dignitaries will be provided and will depart from the Lobby entrance, Diamond Head Tower, Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel. **This bus will depart at precisely 9:15 A.M., and will be taken by police escort to the proper parade assembly area.**

G. UNITED STATES ARMY

H. UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

I. UNITED STATES NAVY

J. UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

K. UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

L. NATIONAL GUARD

I DIVISION

Assemble at 9:00 A.M.

1. The American Legion 1972 National Championship Band

2. National Colors and 1972 National Championship Color Guard

3. National Commander, The American Legion

4. National President, The American Legion Auxiliary

*5. National Officers

6. The American Legion 1972 National Championship Drum and Bugle Corps

*7. Past National Commanders

*8. Society of The American Legion Founders

*9. The American Legion Youth Awards Winners

10. Sons of The American Legion

11. The American Legion 1972 National Championship Chorus, Junior Drum and Bugle Corps, Junior Color Guard, Firing Squad and Motorcycle Drill Team.

12. The American National Red Cross

13. Seagram Posts' Float

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14. Foreign and Outlying Departments

Panama

France

Canada

Mexico

Philippines

Italy

15. Maryland



II DIVISION

Assemble at 9:30 A.M.

16. Alaska
17. North Dakota
18. Delaware
19. South Dakota
20. Arkansas
21. North Carolina
22. Minnesota

III DIVISION

Assemble at 10:30 A.M.

23. Louisiana
24. Nebraska
25. Florida
26. Ohio
27. Wyoming
28. Montana
29. Indiana
30. Wisconsin

IV DIVISION

Assemble at 11:00 A.M.

31. Vermont
32. Missouri
33. New Jersey
34. New Hampshire
35. Mississippi
36. Oregon

V DIVISION

Assemble at 11:30 A.M.

37. Arizona
38. Pennsylvania
39. West Virginia
40. Alabama
41. Texas
42. Iowa
43. Michigan

VI DIVISION

Assemble at 12:00 Noon

44. South Carolina
45. Connecticut
46. Colorado
47. New Mexico
48. Nevada
49. Maine
50. Kentucky
51. California

VII DIVISION

Assemble at 12:30 P.M.

52. Rhode Island
53. Washington
54. Illinois
55. Tennessee
56. Utah
57. Georgia
58. Virginia

VIII DIVISION

Assemble at 1:00 P.M.

59. New York
60. Kansas
61. Massachusetts
62. Idaho
63. District of Columbia
64. Oklahoma
65. Puerto Rico

IX DIVISION

Assemble at 1:30 P.M.

66. Hawaii



PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

A colorful and traditional feature of American Legion National Conventions that will be missing from the Hawaii Convention scene because of insurmountable problems of timing, transportation and housing will be the Uniformed Groups contests and Parade of Champions.

Many conventioners will miss this great display of patriotic pageantry and look forward to the resumption of this portion of Legion Convention activity with the return to mainland Convention sites in 1974.

Usually requiring two full days for the completion of Uniformed Groups activity, plus the traditional Sunday night Parade of Champions, and the participation of all competing units in the National Convention Parade, the pomp and pageantry of one of the Legion's most visually attractive performances will be missing from this year's Convention, but the beauty of this year's Convention site itself is expected to do much to fill the gap created by the lack of competition.

Administrative decisions have been made to the effect that the defending national champions in all categories of Uniformed Groups competition as determined by contests conducted at the 1972 Chicago National Convention, will be retained in championship status by The American Legion until such time as the contests are resumed in Miami in 1974.

The reigning national champions, some of which are pictured on this page, are:

Senior Drum and Bugle Corps, Rochester Crusaders, Post 486, Rochester, N.Y.

Junior Drum and Bugle Corps, Argonne Rebels, Post 180, Great Bend, Kan.

Senior Band, Tonawanda Post 264, Tonawanda, N.Y.

Junior Band, Milwaukee Area Youth, Post 472, Milwaukee, Wis.

Firing Squad, First National Bank of Chicago, Post 985, Chicago, Ill.

Junior Color Guard, Lancers, Post 326, Bellwood, Ill.

Senior Color Guard, Greece Post 468, Rochester, N.Y.
Junior Drill Team, Webster Vanguards, Post 943, Webster, N.Y.

Senior Drill Team, Urban Klistor Post 426, Wrightstown, Wis.

Motorcycle Drill Team, Indianapolis Police Department Post 56, Indianapolis, Ind.

Mini Cycle Drill Team, Hancock Post 119, Greenfield, Ind.



The 1972-73 American Legion National Championship Senior Color Guard is this unit sponsored by Greece Post No. 468, of Rochester, N.Y.



The Argonne Rebels, of Great Bend, Kansas, Post No. 180, shown here performing in Houston's Astrodome during the 1971 American Legion National Convention also are the defending 1972-73 American Legion National Championship Junior Drum and Bugle Corps.



Shown here in concert formation is the 1972-73 American Legion National Championship Senior Band sponsored by American Legion Post No. 264, of Tonawanda, N.Y.



ANNUAL REPORT

The final pages of this official program of the 55th Annual National Convention of The American Legion contain a condensed annual report for the 1972-73 American Legion year. A complete, detailed report has been prepared for submission to the Congress of the United States in accordance with requirements of the Legion's Congressionally-granted charter.

Believing that the delegates to the National Convention are entitled to receive a concise statement of the major activities of The American Legion year ending with this National Convention, your national headquarters provides this illustrated report as a part of the official program. In this manner, we are assured that every delegate and every one who registers for the convention will receive the condensed annual report.



The year of our theme: "Reach Out In Service For America," comes to an end with our 1973 National Convention, but the work of The American Legion always has been in service for America, and always will be regardless of the words that comprise our national theme.



It has been a year of service very ably led and directed by a great American and a great National Commander Joe L. Matthews. During his term of office, Commander Matthews was called upon to make numerous far-reaching executive decisions, and the Legion will be the stronger in the years ahead for the leadership he has brought to our organization.

During this year, one of the longer range programs of service to God and country and to our fellow man was partially completed with the end of the Vietnam fighting and the return of our men who had been held prisoner of war in Southeast Asia. The return of our POWs had been a major Legion program for several years and we still share the concern of those families whose men have been listed as missing in action, hoping and praying with them that a full and complete accounting for all of these men soon will be forthcoming.

In another bold move, encouraged by national leadership efforts to improve relations with major communist countries, The American Legion National Commander for 1972-73 scored a first for our organization with a visit to Russia and Poland to establish veteran-to-veteran contact in areas of mutual interest and concern.

The American Legion is staunchly anti-communist, and our Commander's visit behind the iron curtain did not signal any change in that position as some people seem to fear. Quite the contrary, this visit had no motives other than those laid clearly on the line publicly. It was an effort to keep The American Legion informed on vital issues of the day; to help establish dialogue and understanding between people at levels other than the heads of state; to help determine if there are methods other than warfare for settling international differences; to determine if there is a role for The American Legion in bringing a peace on earth in which all men can live side by side. If this can be achieved, and if The American Legion can help, there is no greater service we could perform for America or for the world.

The following pages in this 55th Annual National Convention program comprise a condensed, pictorial report of highlights of The American Legion year ending with this Convention and we commend it to your attention.

WILLIAM F. HAUCK
National Adjutant

The American Legion 55th Annual Report

*A full, detailed report has been submitted to the Congress of the United States
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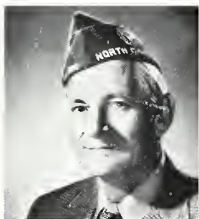
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Francis W. Polen
(Indiana)
National Treasurer

At National Convention time 1973, The American Legion is at mid-point of its 55th year. Comprised of veterans of World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam, the 2,700,000-member organization actually has become younger during the past two years when the influx of Vietnam era veterans lowered the average age of the American Legionnaire from 51 to 49 years.

The Legion was founded by veterans of the American Expeditionary Force of World War I as a patriotic service organization of veterans of war-time service in the armed forces of the United States. The first founding caucus was conducted in Paris, France, March 15-17, 1919, and the second caucus, where organizational details were completed, was held in St. Louis, Mo., May 8-10, 1919.

Charter Convention of The American Legion was held in Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 10-12, 1919, and principal orders of business at that session were the selection of Indianapolis, Ind., as the site of the permanent National Headquarters and authorization for the formation of the American Legion Auxiliary.

The American Legion and the Auxiliary maintain offices and headquarters staff personnel in Washington, D.C., and editorial offices of The American Legion Magazine are in New York City.

Chief executive officer of The American Legion is the National Commander who is elected by action of the National Convention and serves until his successor is named by the next National Convention. The Convention also elects five National Vice Commanders and a National Chaplain.

Joe L. Matthews, of Fort Worth, Texas, is the current National Commander having been elected at the 1972 National Convention to serve until the 1973 session in Hawaii. This condensed pictorial report features highlights of his term of office.

The National Adjutant, the Legion's chief administrative officer, is William F. Hauck, of Indiana. The National Adjutant is selected on recommendation of the National Commander with the concurrence of the National Executive Committee. Other national officers similarly chosen are the National Judge Advocate, National Treasurer and National Historian.

The National Executive Committee

Between National Conventions, the administrative authority of The American Legion is exercised by the National Executive Committee composed of the National Commander, the five National Vice Commanders, National Chaplain, and one committeeman (plus alternate) elected by each Department. Past National Commanders are life members of the NEC without vote. The NEC appoints the National Adjutant, Treasurer, Judge Advocate and Historian. The NEC also has full and complete control over the annual budget.

National Executive Committeemen

Alabama.....	<i>Hugh W. Overton</i>	Missouri.....	<i>Jerome P. Dobel, Jr.</i>
Alaska.....	<i>George Petrovich</i>	Montana.....	<i>Franklin D. Pehrson</i>
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Past National Commanders

<i>John R. Quinn</i>	California	<i>John S. Gleason, Jr.</i>	Illinois
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<i>J. Addington Wagner</i>	Michigan	<i>John H. Geiger</i>	Illinois
<i>W.C. Daniel</i>	Virginia		

“Reach Out-In Service For America”



Newly elected American Legion National Commander Joe L. Matthews (right) and wife, Alberta (Pinky), are introduced to Chicago Convention delegates by retiring National Commander John H. Geiger. Here, Commander Matthews launched his program to “Reach Out-In Service For America.”



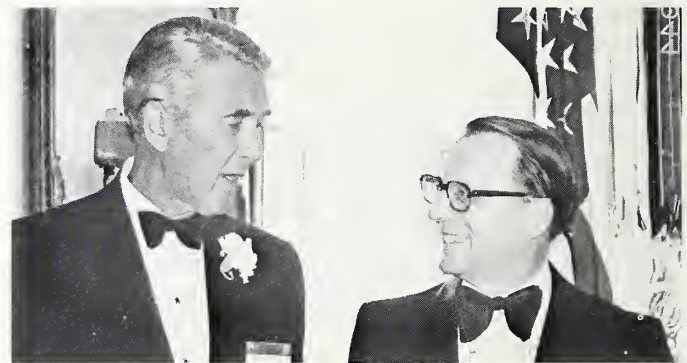
On one of his earliest visits to Washington following his election, Commander Matthews pays a courtesy call on President Nixon at the White House to fill the President in on Legion plans to serve America in the year of his leadership as National Commander.



In recognition of an outstanding career of service to community, state and nation, National Commander Joe L. Matthews presents The American Legion's 1973 award for “Distinguished Public Service” to Rep. George Mahon of the 19th District of Texas, a member of Congress since 1934, and whose career of public service dates back to 1926.



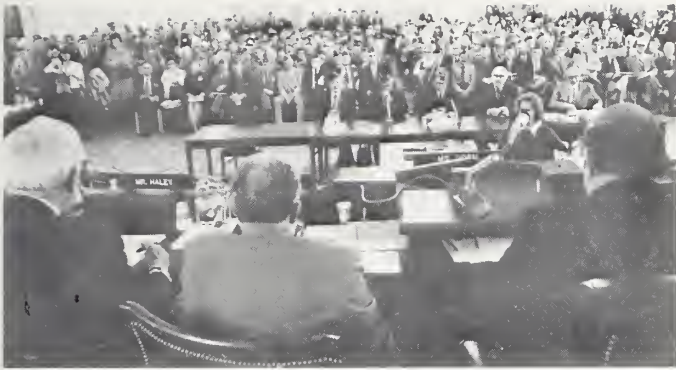
America's system of national defense always has been a major concern of The American Legion and service to the armed forces of the United States and the men and women of the armed services has been a hallmark of the Legion's service to America. Here, Admiral Maurice F. Weisner addresses the National Commander's banquet for the fall 1972 session of the National Executive Committee.



At 1972 Veterans Day Observance in Birmingham, Ala., Commander Joe L. Matthews serves as principal speaker and presents the National Veterans Award to Actor James Stewart who also is a retired Air Force Brigadier General. The Birmingham Veterans Day program was designated as a Regional Observance site.



National Commander Matthews receives the International Correspondence Schools award as “Home Study Man-of-the-Year.” The presentation is made by ICS President Dr. John Walsh.



Deeply concerned about rumored reductions in services to veterans, from disability compensation payment to hospital services conceivably being combined with other government health delivery systems, National Commander Joe L. Matthews voices American Legion position on these matters to the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, as the Legion reaches out in service to the nation's veteran population.



Evidencing The American Legion's continuing concern for Americans still listed as missing in action in Southeast Asia, National Commander Matthews meets with Mrs. Darlene Sadler (left), chairman of the board of directors of the National League of Families of Missing in Action in Southeast Asia and Mrs. Helene Knapp, National Coordinator for the League. The group occupies office space furnished by The American Legion in the Legion's Washington headquarters building.



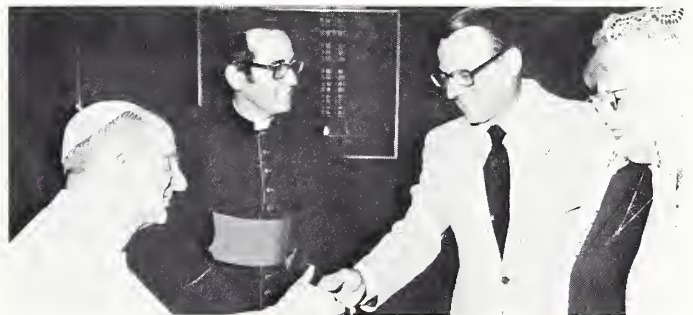
Trailblazing for The American Legion "In Service For America," in December of 1972 National Commander Matthews (front row center), flanked on his right by American Legion Magazine Publisher and Past National Commander James F. O'Neil and staff members John Kane, of Foreign Relations and Matt Irvin, Public Relations, (not pictured), visited Russia, Hungary and Poland to meet with veterans groups behind the Iron Curtain to determine if there were avenues of mutual concern along which veterans of East and West might develop new understandings to help lead to an easing of international tensions and a meaningful, lasting era of peace on earth.



Commander Matthews and friend. For The American Legion, no program of service to America is complete without a vigorous program of service to the nation's Children & Youth. Here Commander Matthews chats with mini-charmer Paula Pfeifer, 5, of Tulsa, Okla., the 1973 March of Dimes National Poster Child.



Air Force Colonel James Kasler, of Indianapolis, Ind., one of the highest ranking Americans held prisoner of war by the North Vietnamese, was guest speaker at National Commander Joe L. Matthews' (left) dinner for the spring, 1973, meeting of the National Executive Committee. Return of the POWs ended one phase of a long- standing Legion program to help secure the release of POWs and an accounting for those listed as missing in action in Southeast Asia. American Legion National Adjutant William F. Hauck joins the Commander in welcoming Col. Kasler.



His Holiness Pope Paul VI, receives National Commander Joe L. Matthews and Mrs. Matthews at a private audience, on June 6, 1973, during the Commander's official visit to the Department of Italy. His Holiness observed that the members of The American Legion had been good soldiers and now were as good citizens as they had been soldiers. His Holiness blessed all those present and sent a special blessing to all Legionnaires throughout the world. Above (left to right) His Holiness Pope Paul VI, Father Rigali, National Commander Matthews, Mrs. Matthews.



Daniel J. O'Connor
Americanism

AMERICANISM

Daniel J. O'Connor (New York), Chairman
Fred T. Kuszmaul (Indiana), Director

National Commander Joe L. Matthews, in his acceptance speech following his election at the Chicago National Convention, announced that his theme for the year would be "Reach Out—In Service for America" and he made a strong plea for The American Legion to serve as a pro-Americanism spokesman.

Our American way of life in recent years has become increasingly impersonal and complex, resulting in a multiplicity of divergent philosophies. The dissident groups of the 1960's who created such difficulty have largely fallen silent but they have left behind them a legacy of apathy and discontent among young Americans and some Americans who are not so young. Your National Americanism Commission in recognition of these developments has endeavored to intensify its Americanism program, particularly its youth program activities to serve as a bulwark against these developments in an effort to preserve our American heritage and to instill in our youth the ingredients necessary for responsible citizenship.

Baseball

American Legion Baseball is concluding its 48th season of nationwide competition as this convention convenes. Eight regional champions, from among the nearly 4,000 teams fielded by American Legion Posts and sponsors are being determined throughout the country this week in preparation for the 1973 World Series in Lewiston, Idaho, August 30-September 4.

The American Legion Baseball Program has as its principal function the molding of character of youth through lessons in sportsmanship, leadership, and fair play. Additionally, participation in the American Legion Baseball Program has served as a stepping-stone for many youths to a career in professional baseball. Nearly two-thirds of all major league baseball players this season gained training and experience in the Legion program before they signed their first professional contract. More and more participants are

realizing college educations as a result of scholarships granted following exposure in this athletic activity first sponsored by The American Legion in 1925.

Oratorical

The 36th Annual National High School Oratorical Contest Finals were conducted at Dana Auditorium, Queens College, Charlotte, North Carolina, April 12, 1973. The finalists indicated below represent thousands of participants from nearly all American Legion Departments, and are recipients of scholarships made available through The American Legion Life Insurance Trust Fund:

First Place—\$8,000 Scholarship

John Wesley Frost, Peoria, Illinois

Second Place—\$5,000 Scholarship

Jeanne Zurmuhlen, Staten Island, New York

Third Place—\$3,000 Scholarship

Colleen C. Gallogly, Great Falls, Montana

Fourth Place—\$2,000 Scholarship

Kenneth L. Tanner, Memphis, Tennessee

Boys State/Boys Nation

Over 28,000 Boys Staters participated in their respective Boys State Programs this year, and two outstanding delegates from each participating Department were selected to attend Boys Nation which was conducted at American University Campus, Washington, D.C., July 19-26. Boys Staters are afforded the opportunity to learn about the functioning of our governmental processes at the local level, and Boys Nation delegates experience the rare privilege of governmental instruction at the federal level through mock legislative sessions and federal agency visitations.

Boy Scouts of American

To further enhance the partnership between The American Legion and the Boy Scouts of America, The



Tony Kubek of NBC Sports, himself a former participant in The American Legion Baseball program, visited with Oakland's Rollie Fingers and Cincinnati's Ross Grimsley during the 1972 World Series. Fingers was the 1964 American Legion Baseball Player of the Year and Batting Champion on the Upland California Post No. 73 Championship Team that year. Grimsley pitched for the 1968 National Champions of Memphis Post No. 1 (Tennessee).

American Legion Boy Scout of the Year Award was introduced this year. First place winner was Carl Clinton Wilkinson, III, Palm Bay, Florida, sponsored by Frank B. Huddleston Post No. 81, Melbourne, Florida. As The American Legion Boy Scout of the Year, Wilkinson will join the Youth Champion Delegates as a distinguished guest at the National Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii. National Commander Joe L. Matthews received the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award for 1973 from Alden Barber, Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, for his outstanding contribution and service to the Boy Scout movement.

Boys' Clubs of America

Various American Legion Posts supported the Boys' Clubs of America through display of their official poster entitled, "We're the Only Next Generation You've Got." Gilbert Baez, 17 year old member of R. W. Brown Boys' Club, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was selected as national "Boy of the Year"; and is the recipient of the Reader's Digest Foundation Scholarship Award of \$4,000.

American Adacemy of Achievement

Various American Legion Youth Champion Orators and Boys Nation Delegates attended the "Salute to Excellence Weekend" at the American Academy of Achievement, Chicago, Illinois, June 14-16 for the Twelfth Annual Banquet of the Golden Plate, through the sponsorship of the American Legion Departments and Reader's Digest. National Commander Matthews presented the Golden Eagle Award for the Promise of Greatness to Gregory L. Hack (Kansas), 1972 Boys Nation President, and Mr. Hobart Lewis, Editor-in-Chief of Reader's Digest, presented the same award to John Wesley Frost (Illinois), the 1973 Champion Orator. All Youth Champion participants received the Golden Scroll Award.

Flag Education

Flag education activities continue as a major function of your National Americanism Commission through the distribution of various American Legion publications dealing with this subject and the answering of many flag etiquette inquiries from the general public.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 91 was introduced April 13, 1973, by Senator Gurney (Florida), which includes the text of our own Policy Resolution No. 87 to revise the Public Law 829-77 (Flag Code). Enactment of this legislation will be helpful to clarification of many questions pertaining to proper respect for the flag.

Education and Scholarships

The educational interests of The American Legion have continued to reach parents, students and guidance counselors throughout the nation as well as returning veterans and personnel in the Armed Forces. The twenty-second edition of "Need a Lift?" which was supplemented by the State joint publication in Illinois had a distribution of approximately 150,000 copies. Updated fact sheets on major sources of financial aid and a revised edition of the "Guide for Parents and Students" exceeded all previous years' distribution. "Guide for Parents and Students," prepared to assist students and parents plan for education beyond high

school, has now had a distribution of over six and half million copies.

State Joint Committees whose membership consists of American Legion members and representatives from state education associations, continue to contribute toward a good working relationship between American Legion Posts and schools resulting in increased service for young people.

"Get Involved" will be the theme for American Education Week which will be held October 21-27, 1973. This year we will again have numerous other national groups join as "supporting organizations" in the observance of American Education Week.

COUNTER-SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Dr. J. E. Martie (Nevada), Chairman

The Counter-Subversive Activities Committee, through its publication, *Firing Line*, continues to disseminate information concerning the militant and subversive organizations in this country. In spite of the so-called detente with Russia and China, these pro-Soviet and pro-Maoist groups are still unceasing and untiring in their efforts to undermine our capitalistic system and to achieve world domination.

Cause for alarm is the unification of many of the Marxist-Leninist factions and their goal of establishing a new communist party. As a statement of policy, an excerpt from the *Communist Manifesto* is being used: "Let the ruling classes tremble at a communist revolution." This is being altered to encompass their particular situation: "Let the ruling class of the U.S. imperialism tremble. The spectre of communism is here. We are determined to build the new communist party."

The staff of *Firing Line* will continue in its efforts to apprise its subscribers concerning the new organizations which are being spawned, the continued subversive activities of those already in existence, and all current developments regarding these new coalitions.



These young people are the finalists of The American Legion's 1973 National High School Oratorical Contest and are pictured in the order of their finish from first through fourth places from left to right in the photo. A total of \$18,000 in cash scholarships to the individual's college or university of his choice awaits the final four with the champion taking \$8,000 and the fourth place winner \$2,000. Scholarship funds are provided through The American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee.



**Earl D. Franklin, Sr.
Children & Youth**

CHILDREN & YOUTH

**Earl D. Franklin, Jr. (Colorado), Chairman
Fred T. Kuszmaul (Indiana), Director**

The 1973 program slogan "Reach Out—In Service For Youth" characterizes the efforts made by Legionnaires to live up to the Preamble of the Constitution of this great veterans' organization as it relates to our children and youth. In order to clear up any misunderstanding, we defined youth as being an all inclusive term covering that period in young people's lives from birth until they become young adults.

When one reviews the Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion, there are several of our stated purposes which describe our reasons as an organization for devoting much of the Legion's program efforts to our youth.

1. To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;
2. To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;
3. To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

Probably at no time in our history as a nation has there been such a pressing need for older people to be available to, and to work with, our youth. Because of the tremendous changes in our society and their implications, our young people are faced with a great many problems not previously faced by any other generation. Some young people are able to cope with these changes, others are not. Both groups need the help and direction of mature adults as never before to enable all to become productive and useful citizens.

For many years The American Legion has served as a major spokesman on behalf of the children and youth of our country. If our organization is to continue this role, it must be willing to attack new problems with an open mind and at the same time be willing to pioneer new approaches to meet today's problems.

From the multitude of problems of major importance to

our youth, the Commission selected the following for emphasis in this year's program.

1. Drug Abuse
2. Immunization
3. Venereal Disease
4. Youth in Trouble (Pre-delinquency—a prevention program)
5. Neglected Children.

In the judgment of your Commission, The American Legion through its Posts, Districts and Department program, can make a sizeable contribution toward the correction and/or solution to these very complicated problems of young Americans.

As usual, a great deal of time and effort this past year was devoted to the collection and tabulation of Post and Unit Children & Youth Reports by the County, District and Department for Children & Youth Chairman by both The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary. It is not possible to give you the results of the 1972-73 reporting year because of the early date required to submit the information for the convention program. However, there is every indication that The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary and the Eight and Forty will again report expenditures in excess of \$12,000,000 to defray the costs of the Children & Youth program. This anticipated amount added to the accumulative total since the beginning of Children & Youth reporting during the 1920s should approach \$287,000,000. All Legionnaires and Auxiliary members can justifiably be proud of this fine record.

As you return to the Mainland after our wonderful stay here in Honolulu, I want to encourage all of you to become active in your Children & Youth program. It is my opinion that there is nothing more vital to the future of our great country than working with and guiding our young people.



Many American Legion posts did an excellent promotion on one of the newest of the Children & Youth programs, "Make Halloween a Safe and Fun Night." Here youngsters of Jaffrey, N.H., enjoy the fun and games provided for them by members of John Humiston Post No. 11 in Jaffrey.

One of the highlights of our program year was our "Make Halloween a Safe and Fun Night" project. During 1971-72, this program was conducted on a demonstration basis in five Departments. Because of its fine reception in these Departments, the Commission decided to offer this program to all Departments. More than half accepted this offer and incorporated it into their Department program plans. This program has as its purpose to acquaint all parents, children, school authorities and others with specific safety suggestions during the Halloween period. This activity was well received where it was promoted.

One of the high points of our program this past year was the five area conferences on Children & Youth. Attendance was up slightly over the 1971-72 conferences, the interest was tremendous and the hospitality was outstanding. Our compliments to the Departments of Idaho, Ohio, Texas, Rhode Island and Virginia for being such excellent hosts.

Finally, on behalf of your National Children & Youth Commission, permit us to thank all of you who have helped this year—the volunteer Children & Youth workers at the community level who give real meaning to our program.

AMERICAN LEGION CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION, INC.

L. Eldon James (Virginia), President

Randel Shake (Indiana), Executive Secretary

Starting with zero dollars in 1954 when the Foundation was established, and with no fund-raising campaign either for or by the Foundation, the Board of Directors has had \$604,086.00 made available to it for the purposes of the corporation. (Figures as of March 31, 1973.) These funds have come from contributions, bequests and earnings. Most contributions have been in the form of cash but some have been contributions of stocks, bonds and land.

Another way of looking at progress is the number of persons who contribute. During the Foundation's first 30 months, July 1, 1954 to December 31, 1956, a total of 29 contributions were received. Ten years later, the number of contributors in 1964 had increased to 490 for the year. Eight years later, 1972, 3,125 contributions were received or about 6½ times more than in 1964. Approximately 70 percent have been memorial contributions, but non-memorial contributions have made up slightly more than 77 percent of the total income.

From funds available, the Board of Directors has authorized grants totalling \$454,700.00 of which \$435,800.00 has been used as of May 1, 1973.

At its meeting on Feb. 28, 1973, the Board of Directors authorized three grants totalling \$25,000.00:

—\$10,000.00 to the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness to develop a film dealing with eye safety to be used in the early elementary grades. This film will fill a critical need to educate children in safety concepts at an early age, and hopefully reduce the approximately 172,000 accidents to vision that occur annually.

—\$10,000.00 to the Utah State University Exceptional Child Center to construct a new concept in playgrounds designed as a learning center for handicapped children. Many teachers of the handicapped attend this University and can carry back to their local communities not only the new concept but also the successful uses to which it can be put.

—\$5,000.00 to the National Coordinating Council on Drug Education to help make free distribution of a booklet entitled "Drug Abuse Films." The Council has been the pioneer in the evaluation of drug abuse films and will make distribution to key national and state organizations working in the area of drug education and youth services.

Officers of the Board of Directors and other members are as follows: L. Eldon James, President; Walton D. Griffin, Vice President; Earl D. Franklin, Jr., Secretary; U. S. Grant, Treasurer; William E. Christoffersen; Robert A. Gish; Leo V. Lanning; Kent T. Lundgren and Raymond H. Steffensmeier.

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary Liaison Committee for the current year are: Mrs. Louis J. Lemstra, Chairman; Mrs. Henry Ahnemiller, Vice Chairman, and Mrs. Alexander H. Gray.

Appointed personnel consists of: Randel Shake, Executive Secretary, and W. Francis Polen, Assistant Treasurer.

Under the 1969 Tax Reform Act, the Foundation retains its tax exempt status. Gifts, therefore, are deductible for federal income tax purposes to the extent permitted by law and bequests to the Foundation are deductible for federal inheritance tax purposes to the extent permitted by the Federal Tax Act.

Memorial gifts at the death of a friend continue to be a popular form of contribution. A memorial card is immediately sent to the next of kin so the bereaved may know of the thoughtfulness of the contributor. In this way, your contribution serves a dual purpose—it memorializes a friend and it also contributes toward a better life for our Nation's children.



L. Eldon James (right), President of The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc., presents check for \$10,000 to Bradford A. Warner (left), President, National Society for the Prevention of Blindness at the Society's annual meeting in New York City.



James V. Demarest
Convention Commission

CONVENTION

James V. Demarest (New York), Chairman
William H. Miller (Oregon), Director

only a financial success for the Corporation but judging from the many reports received from convention attendees, it was greatly enjoyed by the majority present. The last National Convention which was held in the city of Chicago was in 1958 and in the intervening years many of the convention facilities available to the Legion were either completely new or refurbished.

During the Commission's May 1972 meetings in Indianapolis a firm commitment of the 1973 National Convention to Honolulu was made and since that time all emphasis has been placed upon plans and preparations for this gathering. Being the first completely over-water movement of the National Convention the Commission has had to deal with problems not previously encountered in placing the National Convention in the various mainland cities.

At this writing it does appear that the Honolulu Convention will be one of the largest held in recent years. The American Legion National Convention Corporation of Hawaii at the outset of preparations had under contract some 9300 rooms in which to house conventioners. At this point the majority of these accommodations have been assigned to the various state departments. It is believed that, if available, more than 12,000 rooms could be assigned by the housing committee.

During the October 1972 meetings of the Commission it was determined that the city of Philadelphia which held a tentative award of the 1975 National Convention had not complied with the requirements for a national convention in that the proposed housing did not meet with the required number of hotel accommodations. It was also ascertained that a number of the accommodations contemplated for use by the Philadelphia Convention were not actually in existence but were on the drawing board. Also a number of

the Civic Center where the business sessions would have been held. In view of the foregoing, the Commission recommended to the National Executive Committee that the Philadelphia 1975 National Convention be deferred until such time as that city demonstrates that it can comply with the housing requirements by way of hotels in existence and conveniently located.

Due to the void created by the elimination of Philadelphia as the Convention site for 1975, the Commission recommended that Minneapolis be given the award for that year.

In accordance with the policy of the Commission to make tentative awards of National Conventions five (5) years in advance the Commission recommended to the National Executive Committee that a tentative award for the Convention in 1977 be made to Denver, Colorado.

Our National Convention schedule now stands:

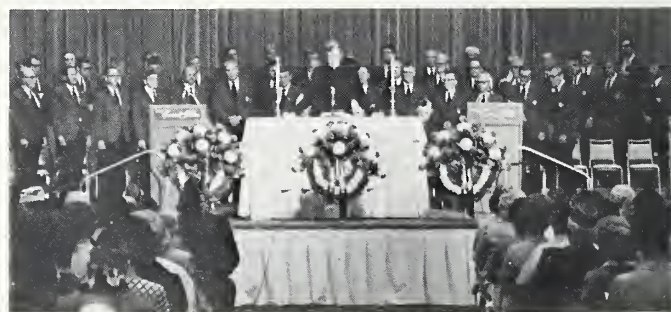
Honolulu, Hawaii August 17-23, 1973
Miami Beach, Florida August 16-22, 1974
Minneapolis, Minnesota August 15-21, 1975
Seattle, Washington August 20-26, 1976
Denver, Colorado August 19-25, 1977

The National Distinguished Guest Committee operating from the headquarters hotel in Chicago had a most interesting and busy convention in 1972.

Because the air facilities were located at some distance, and traffic conditions extremely difficult, it was decided for the first time to require the distinguished guests to provide their own transportation to the hotel. Once there, all the previous services accorded them would be available.

This system worked virtually without problems and probably will be adopted in the future conventions.

Because it was a presidential year, we were fortunate to entertain both presidential candidates. This, however, posed problems in security at the convention hall. The Secret Service arrived early the morning President Nixon was to address the convention and sealed off the back stage area until after the president had departed. This necessitated



The National Convention Commission, through its director and in cooperation with the host Convention Corporation, is responsible for facilities for all functions in connection with Convention such as the Public Patriotic and Memorial Service conducted by the National Chaplain.

operating without a waiting room for other distinguished guests, however, the entire operation went smoothly with a minimum of inconvenience to anyone.

We were fortunate also to have available to us a local committee that had a great deal of experience and most of the credit for the success of the committee is directly attributed to them.



Donald J. Smith
Internal Affairs Commission

INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Donald J. Smith (Michigan), Chairman
C. W. (Pat) Geile (Indiana), Director

The work of the Internal Affairs Commission and its staff division at National Headquarters is the every day nuts and bolts of an organization of 2,700,000, organized in 16,000 posts and 58 departments. Yet the work done and the decisions reached must be animated by the same spirit of service and the same sense of civic adventure which characterize such programs as Boys State, American Legion Baseball, volunteer hospital service and blood banks.

For whatever affects the internal operation of The American Legion as a National Organization falls within the province of the Internal Affairs Commission. So also does any matter which does not properly come within the sphere of one of the 11 other National Commissions.

Affiliated Committees

Attached to the Internal Affairs Commission for supervision and coordination are five highly specialized committees: Constitution and By-Laws; Membership and Post Activities; Resolutions Assignment; Sons of The American Legion; and Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials. Reports from these committees make up an important part of each commission meeting. All actions on resolutions by the five committees are subject to review by the parent commission before being presented to the National Executive Committee. A separate report from the very important Membership and Post Activities Committee is included in this publication, and no further mention will be made of membership in this report.

Administrative Developments

The 1972 National Conference of Department Commanders and Adjutants adopted a recommendation that the National Headquarters develop an Administrative Manual for department adjutants. Such a manual, containing copies of major reports which departments are required to submit during the year, along with instructions on various forms and procedures, was compiled to cover the period July 1, 1973, to June 30, 1974. Initial reaction of departments has been very favorable.

The past year also marked the first issuance of Golden Certificates, authorized by the National Executive Committee for presentation to members credited with 50 or more years of continuous membership. More than 75,000 of the special awards were printed from computer records at National Headquarters. This program will continue on an annual basis, and Golden Certificates will be printed shortly after the first of each year for those members who attained their 50th year of membership during the past 12 months.

The program of direct billing of membership dues, begun in the summer of 1972 with a pilot program embracing 14 departments, required extensive staff time. The program is being expanded to include 29 departments for the current year with a total membership of approximately one million. All departments in the pilot program are continuing in the second year's operation.

During the year the Internal Affairs Commission was happy to approve certain changes in the post history contest, upon the recommendation of National Historian Mrs. Loretta O. Phillips. Also, at the request of the National Security Commission, measures were completed to change the name of the Aeronautics and Space Committee to the Aerospace Committee, and the name of the Subcommittee on Aeronautics of the Convention Committee on National Security to the Subcommittee on Aerospace.

Constitutional Matters

Upon the initiative of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, a constitutional amendment was adopted at the 1972 National Convention to delete Article XIV from the National Constitution of The American Legion. This article, which recognized the Forty and Eight as a subsidiary organization of The American Legion, had long been obsolete, and the action was recommended as a housekeeping measure.

Also upon the initiative of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, a resolution calling for an amendment to Section 3, Article X, of the National Constitution was approved by the National Executive Committee at its meeting of May 2-3, 1973. This proposed amendment, which will be before the 1973 National Convention for final action, provides for the *prompt* transmittal of membership dues from posts through departments to National Headquarters and specifies that departments shall transmit all dues received from posts within 30 days after receipt.

The signing of the Vietnam cease fire on Jan. 27, 1973, created an immediate question of whether or not that action

constituted a cessation of hostilities in relation to eligibility for American Legion membership. A special committee appointed by National Commander Matthews found that hostilities had in fact not ceased in Southeast Asia, and recommended that no action be taken, as of the May 2-3 National Executive Committee meeting, to put a specific terminal date to the period of eligibility which began on Aug. 5, 1964.

Son of The American Legion

The newly created national organization of the Sons of The American Legion has now been functioning for about one year. A very successful first National Convention of the SAL was held in Chicago in 1972, just prior to The American Legion National Convention. Plans are being made at the time that this report was written for the 2nd SAL Convention in Honolulu. On April 28-29, 1973, 31 members attended a special meeting of the SAL National Executive Committee in Indianapolis, without expense to the National Organization. With the cooperation of the National Executive Committee's Subcommittee on Resolutions, a procedure has been established for the review and disposition of actions taken by the SAL National Convention and the SAL National Executive Committee. All such actions are "subject to ratification" by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion, which is the ultimate governing body over the SAL.

Awards and Memorials

New administrative procedures for handling nominations for the International Amity Awards and the Canadian Friendship Awards were instituted during the year and have proved very helpful.

With the help of the Legislative Commission, efforts are being made to implement resolutions calling for the improvement of facilities at the USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor and to have Ellis Island, New York, converted



A Veterans Administration nursing staff member administers blood pressure check to American Legion official during the 1973 Washington Conference as an initial step in implementing a resolution calling for a hypertension screening program. Similar programs were expected to be conducted during Department Conventions and other sizeable Legion functions during the year.

into a National Shrine by the time of the Nation's bicentennial in 1976. Various proposals for the issuance of commemorative and memorial postage stamps were routinely handled.

Miscellaneous

With the cooperation of the Veterans Administration and The American Legion's Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, a hypertension screening program was initiated. A special demonstration project was conducted at the time of the Washington Conference in February, and many departments at the time of this writing were making arrangements with VA hospitals to offer a hypertension screening service at department conventions and similar gatherings.

The general field of ecology continues to be the assignment of the Internal Affairs Commission, and the May 1973 NEC meeting adopted a resolution authorizing cooperation with such local projects as Keep America Beautiful Day. Previously adopted anti-pollution resolutions in the legislative field were re-affirmed.

Illustrative of the manner in which the responsibilities of the Internal Affairs Commission cut across organizational lines was the referral of a number of resolutions on youth hair styles to the 1972 Convention Committee on Credentials and Internal Affairs. A number of posts, departments and separate Legion programs had instituted rules intended to regulate the hair styles and personal appearance of participants in various American Legion youth programs. Upon the recommendation of the Credentials and Internal Affairs Committee, the 1972 National Convention outlawed all such previously adopted regulations and directed that no further rules, written or understood, should be imposed.

Posts Chartered

6/1/72 to 5/31/73

Number of Posts 6/1/72	16,084
Canceled 6/1/72 to 6/1/73	142
Chartered same period	92
Number of Posts 6/1/73	16,034

MEMBERSHIP AND POST ACTIVITIES

William F. Gormley (Pennsylvania), Chairman
J. Lloyd Wignall (Utah), Director

MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH

Total official membership, 1971	2,711,561
Total official membership, 1972	2,715,259
1972 membership, as of May 31, 1972	2,636,612
1973 membership, as of May 31, 1973	2,609,944

The 1973 membership year has been another of those years when the utmost in proper planning has been required. An increase in post dues has been rather common throughout The American Legion. While most Legionnaires

have accepted this as a normal increase in the cost of doing business, it has been a year when we have demonstrated that proper planning can do much to eliminate a membership loss which has accompanied every past increase in dues. As this article went to press the issue was still much in doubt.

Golden Legionnaires

One year ago at our National Executive Committee meeting we adopted a resolution to establish a Golden Legionnaire group which would recognize Legionnaires with fifty or more years continuous membership in The American Legion.

In excess of 75,000 Golden Certificates were printed for individual Legionnaires. Additional requests are still being received and it is planned that next year Golden Certificates will be awarded to those who reach fifty years of continuous membership during the coming year and a certificate will be printed for those whose records are updated during the same period.

New Posts

Since Aug. 1, 1972, eighty-one new post charters have been issued. This is a long way from the 161 which our Commanders and Adjutants pledged last October. However, this figure does indicate that many of our Commanders and Adjutants and others took the new post pledge very seriously.

As of this date, 20 departments had equaled or exceeded the pledge made at the Commanders and Adjutants Conference in October, 1972.

We fully expect to continue to look to the top three—Commander, Adjutant and NECman—for the leadership necessary to form new posts. If we don't get it, those leaders who don't respond must accept the responsibility for bringing membership growth in The American Legion to a halt.

Workshops and Seminars

The National Membership Workshop which was held in connection with the 1974 membership campaign was scheduled for August 2-3, 1973, and was built around the joint theme of "Be Counted Again" as a member of "The Big Team."

We will hold four District Commander's Training Seminars on the week end of Sept. 8-9, 1973, at Boise, Idaho; Vicksburg, Miss.; Providence, R. I.; and Charleston, S. C.

We are again inviting the participation of the National Membership Committee of the American Legion Auxiliary and the various state chairmen of the Auxiliary. We feel that this added something to our conference this past year.

Direct Billing

Twenty-nine departments, with a membership totaling approximately one million, are now moving into position to participate in our second direct billing operation. We have expectations that the results can be even more favorable than this past year.

We continually check the progress of the 14 billing departments who participated in the pilot program. On March 22, eight of fourteen were actually running ahead (that's 57%). Only thirteen of the other thirty-seven were ahead (that's 35%). The total loss for the fourteen departments as of March 22, was 1,848. That's an average loss per department of 132 members and that picture has brightened considerably since that date.

On that same date, the thirty-seven other U. S. Departments had a net loss of 22,180 for an average loss of 599. What it all boils down to is that, as of March 22, the loss in the direct billing departments was less than one-fourth of the loss of the nonparticipating departments.

"Our Kind of Guy"

A major contribution to the welfare of our newest veterans that The American Legion has been making for the past several years has been our work with the new discharges. It's taken various forms—thousands upon thousands of visits to homes have occurred because we have been furnished the names of young men just back from the service—other thousands have received personal counseling on job, education, or training opportunities.

Our colleges have also made a significant input into veterans' welfare primarily because of the cooperative programs developed with The American Legion.

"Be Counted Again"

Early in this report, the slogan for 1974 was mentioned. We will be working, in cooperation with other divisions, under the general theme of "Be Counted Again." But we will develop this along with a specific membership theme of "The Big Team."

Unofficial Membership Awards 1973 Membership Year

Forty-seven Departments qualified for 1973 Early Bird Department citations. Accordingly, citations were presented to the Commanders and Adjutants of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut,



William F. Gormley (second from left, seated), National Membership and Post Activities Committee Chairman, is pictured with the commanders of five Southwestern area states as he participates in a Southwestern States District Commanders' Training Seminar.

Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mexico, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Panama CZ, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

The Big Ten Departments for 1973 are Ohio, Texas, Louisiana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oregon, New Hampshire, Delaware and Wyoming.

Conclusion

Last year we attempted to answer the question, "What's in it for me?" We don't feel this is a selfish question. We think it's one that should be legitimately answered by every Post in The American Legion. There has to be something of value and it's our job to see that those values, so inherent in The American Legion, are fully developed.

We want every post to be a quality post. We want every Legionnaire to see that he is getting value received. We want him to be proud of The American Legion. If we are successful there are many more years of membership growth ahead but any success must be accompanied by an expanding number of new posts.

CONTESTS SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

Deming Smith, (South Dakota), Chairman

Robert C. May, (Indiana), Coordinator

Chicago, Illinois, Contests

The 1972 Parade of Champions was held in Soldier Field at Chicago, before a crowd of 25,000 spectators. A delightfully cool August evening, the dignified old stadium with its new seating and brilliant green turf, and a field of top ranked Drum and Bugle Corps combined to make this a truly spectacular event.

During the two days prior to the final contest, 115 uniformed groups competed in contests held on the Northwestern University campus at Evanston.

The winners of the 1972 American Legion National Contests were:

Senior Drum & Bugle Corps—ROCHESTER CRUSADERS, Post 468, Rochester, New York

Junior Drum & Bugle Corps—ARGONNE REBELS, Post 180, Great Bend, Kansas

Senior Color Guard—GREECE POST #468, Rochester, New York

Junior Color Guard—LANCERS, Post 326, Bellwood, Illinois

Firing Squad—FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO, Post 985, Chicago, Illinois

Senior Band—TONAWANDAS POST 264, Tonawanda, New York

Junior Band—MILWAUKEE AREA YOUTH BAND, Post 472, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Senior Drill Team—AMERICAN LEGION URBAN KLISTER Post 436, Wrightstown, Wisconsin

Junior Drill Team—WEBSTER VANGUARDS, Post 942, Webster, NY

Chorus—THE SINGING LEGIONNAIRES, Post 15, Sioux Falls, SD

Quartet—FRONTIERSMEN, Post 15, Sioux Falls, SD

Motorcycle—INDIANAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT, Post 56, Indianapolis, Indiana; HANCOCK POST 119, Greenfield, Indiana

Since no contests are being held at the Honolulu Convention, these winners will be recognized as champions for an additional year.

1973 Uniformed Groups Congress

The biennial Uniformed Groups Congress will be held at the Stouffer's Indianapolis Inn on October 13-14, 1973. This conclave will afford an opportunity for representatives of all competing units to voice and vote their opinions on the rules changes for the fourteen contests planned for the 1974 and 1975 National Conventions.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

James S. Whitfield (Missouri), Executive Director

Hollis C. Hull (Oklahoma), Asst. Executive Director

The Executive Director, whose office is located in the National Headquarters in Indianapolis, has three major responsibilities.

(1) He performs such duties as may be assigned to him by the National Adjutant to assist in meeting the myriad responsibilities of that office and, during temporary absences of the National Adjutant from the Headquarters, acts for him.

(2) He heads the Administrative Services Division and, through it, supervises and coordinates the many administrative functions of the Indianapolis Headquarters.

(3) He functions as the Director of Personnel, recruiting necessary staff, maintaining personnel records, and serving on the Personnel Committee of the Headquarters.

Included in the Administrative Services Division of the Indianapolis Headquarters are the following administrative functions: Cashier; Mail; Printing; Purchasing and General Supply . . . stock, receiving, shipping . . . ; Library, Archives, E. A. Blackmore Museum; Stenographic Pool and Reproduction Unit; Building Maintenance; Cafeteria; Personnel Records and Recruiting; Finance Section and Insurance Section.

The Administrative Services Division also provides all secretarial assistance to the executive officers of The American Legion.

The following statistical tables are indicative of the volume of work routinely performed by this Division:

MAIL

6/1/72 to 5/31/73

Incoming Letters (Distributed to various Divisions for processing).....	2,607,326
Incoming Parcels	2,767
Outgoing Letters.....	281,193
Outgoing Parcels (Exclusive of National Emblem Sales).....	39,637

DUPLICATING

6/1/72 to 5/31/73

Pages Mimeographed.....	750,932
Pages Multigraphed & Multilithed	3,858,934
Envelopes & Labels Addressed.....	319,220
Letters Transcribed.....	1,923
MC/ST.....	8,465
Composer.....	754
Addressograph Plates Cut.....	5,245
Telegrams (In 217) (Out 814)	1,031
Xerox Copies.....	341,665

SUPPLIES

6/1/72 to 5/31/73

Paper Cut and Processed
1,144 Reams or 22,880 lbs. (11.44 tons)

FREIGHT AND EXPRESS

6/1/72 to 5/31/73

In.....	79 Cartons (2,565 lbs.)
Out	2,769 Cartons (101,818 lbs.)
U.P.S. (In).....	2,617 Parcels
U.P.S. (Out)	2,356 Parcels

LIBRARY & EMIL A. BLACKMORE MUSEUM

6/1/72 to 5/31/73

Materials added to Library.....	230,536
Informational requests answered by staff	8,856
Items added to Emil A. Blackmore Museum	45

COMPUTER CENTER

The Computer Center is currently responsible for the following projects:

Maintenance of The American Legion Magazine, SAL, and Firing Line mailing lists.

Preparation of Direct Billing Notices and Registers.

The production of membership cards and registers, department accounting reports and statistical information.

The printing of all state paper labels upon request.

The maintenance of inventory controls, purchasing controls and billing applications for The American Legion Emblem Division.

Productions of all General Ledger accounting information.

All payroll reports and affiliated tax reports.

Maintenance of the mailing list and automated grading for the Extension Institute.

Production of all audit control and circulation analysis reports required by the Audit Bureau of Circulation for The American Legion Magazine.

Production of Inventory Control and Purchase Order Control for National Headquarters.



Benjamin B. Truskoski
The American Legion Magazine Commission

THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE COMMISSION

Benjamin B. Truskoski (Connecticut), Chairman
James F. O'Neil (New Hampshire), Publisher
The American Legion Magazine

As we move into the final half of 1973, it can be reported that no 12-month period in the history of The American Legion has produced more serious problems than those experienced since our 54th National Convention in Chicago in 1972.

Rising cost factors, some influenced by inflation, and a modest reversal of subscription and advertising revenues are building into a crisis-like atmosphere, unless relief and a return to the upward trend in membership and ad volume are forthcoming. Postal rates continue to move higher. The only hope of relief rests in The Congress of The United States, which has several measures before it that would help, including two American Legion supported measures, S. 1395, introduced by Senator Jennings Randolph of West Virginia, and H.R. 6157, offered by Representative Lawrence Hogan of Maryland. Legionnaires and Auxiliaries and their friends should continue to contact their respective Senators and Representatives on the legislative objectives of The American Legion on second-class postal rates for non-profit publications. They are vital to the future of The American Legion Magazine, the National Auxiliary News and all Department publications.

The American Legion and its magazine was struck a tragic blow on December 10, 1972, when Past National Commander and Magazine Commission Chairman James E. Powers, of Georgia, passed away suddenly. He had been in New York City attending magazine meetings, returning home from same the day before he died. Benjamin Truskoski, of Connecticut, was elevated from the Vice Chairmanship to head the Commission. His 15 years of service on The American Legion Magazine Commission and his overall knowledge of the operations of The American Legion made him the logical choice for the post. He is proving to be a worthy successor to those who have preceded him as Chairman.

Magazine paper costs are skyrocketing as the shortage in supply becomes acute. No relief is in sight. Production cut-backs and weather that has restricted pulp-wood operations in the timberlands are forcing prices upward. The requirements to meet ecology standards is another factor affecting costs for printing plants as well as paper mills.

The American Legion Magazine is considered to be a quality publication. It has attracted favorable attention not only with the membership but also among non-Legionnaires. Advertiser's surveys indicate that it is read by more than four million people. The value of the general interest content has received recognition from educators, scientists, public officials, the medical fraternity and

students. The demands for reprints reached an all-time high during this past year. A well-balanced format that places emphasis on general material without neglecting news of special interest to Legionnaires and veterans in general has proven successful. So the problem confronting those responsible for the production and distribution of the magazine is how to continue a top level publication with diminished income and increased expenditures.

Legionnaires have learned that the best way to preserve continuity in the monthly delivery of the magazine is by paying dues in October or November, the beginning of an "American Legion Year." Expeditious transmittal of same, at the Post and Department levels, to National Headquarters is most important. In this manner an orderly procedure is assured.

As a result of the action taken at the May, 1973 meeting of the National Executive Committee in Indianapolis and upon the recommendation of the Magazine Commission, the magazine will be produced at the Baird-Ward Company plant at Nashville, Tenn., beginning with the September 1973 edition. Since July 1948 The American Legion Magazine has been printed at Louisville, Ky., first at the C. T. Dearing plant and later, its successor, the Fawcett Printing Company. Plain economics dictated the recommended change in printers. Twelve bids were received and the Baird-Ward proposal was judged to be the best of those submitted.

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The Spirit of the Legion

THE AMERICAN LEGION WEEKLY is born on this one hundred and forty-third anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Appropriately so. The principles and ideals of that epochal document in human liberty are those of The American Legion, which the *American Legion Weekly* represents.

The Legion itself is a spontaneous expression of purpose by those millions of Americans who helped crush autocracy. Out of their common experiences through the dark months of the war has grown a comradeship and a patriotism which is vitalized by their organization into this single concrete force which will stand always as a barrier against the forces of greed, ignorance and chaos.

The American Legion is the epitome of that Americanism for which it stands. Its voice is the majority voice of its members; it will be the will of the many. Spontaneous in inception, it has been democratic in its development. There are no titles recorded on its rolls. It is free of rank, of cast—and of partisanship. It seeks in a full measure to serve those who were in service, it seeks in fuller measure to serve America.

In this spirit the American Legion has entered upon its mission. In this spirit the *American Legion Weekly* sets upon its way.

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From Volume 1, Number 1, July 4, 1919, to the latest (July, 1973) issue of The American Legion is the time span represented by these two reproductions of American Legion Magazine covers, which started on July 4, 1919 as The American Legion Weekly.



C. D. DeLoach
Public Relations

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMISSION

C. D. DeLoach (District of Columbia), Chairman
James C. Watkins (District of Columbia) Director

President Richard M. Nixon and Presidential Candidate George McGovern, both appearing on our 1972 Chicago National Convention program in a national election year, gave initial impetus to American Legion Public Relations for the current Legion year and we were off to a great start in one of the nation's major urban and news centers.

We were accorded excellent nationwide news coverage from the Chicago Convention, as well as in the convention city and by all local media, but we would be less than frank if we failed to report that the Arie Crown Theater, which provided a plush and comfortable setting for proceedings of the convention proper, left something to be desired when it came to accommodating television news people interested in covering the proceedings. We could have had a great deal more live coverage than we did, particularly for the candidates, if facilities for that purpose had been adequate.

As it was, we issued 349 working press passes for coverage of the Chicago Convention proceedings, which for the past decade was second only to the 1971 Convention in Portland, Oregon, and exceeded the 1968 New Orleans National Convention, also in a national election year, where a retiring President and three candidates graced our platform.

The American Legion's own "big story" for 1972-73, was National Commander Matthews' visit behind the Iron Curtain to War Veterans Committees of the Soviet Union and Poland and with some government officials of those countries whose agencies are concerned with their programs of veterans benefits.

Undertaken as a veteran-to-veteran project in an effort to initiate contact and develop possible areas of understanding between veterans organizations in the common interest of world peace, the National Commander has made it infinitely clear that the move in no way represents any softening of The American Legion's attitude toward communism.

News stories concerning the Commander's trip were distributed within the organization and to the public press

nearly two months in advance of the actual visit, which took place December 10-21, 1972.

The general reaction to this trip, from the press, the general public and American Legionnaires has been favorable. The few dissenting votes that have been noted have come from those who do not have the full story, as it has been presented many times by the National Commander since his return, or are from groups or organizations readily identifiable as ultra-conservative.

We believe the Legion will be reaping the benefits of this historic "first," from a public relations standpoint and in many other areas of organizational activity for years to come.

To retrace our steps momentarily let's go back to the fall, 1972, meetings of our National Executive Committee when we made good American Legion news through our banquet speaker for the N.E.C. banquet, Admiral Maurice F. Weisner, and through the original news break of the Commander's plans for the Iron Curtain visit.

Developments in the Vietnam war also were going our way, and we were able to make a great deal of newsprint and radio and TV news time through statements by the Commander expressing hope for the end of the fighting in Vietnam and our great satisfaction that came with the cease fire and the return of the POWs.

All of these things developed in accordance with American Legion supported positions and we were completely prepared to make the most of these situations as they developed. Our continuing campaign on behalf of the cause of the POW/MIA's had finally achieved a degree of success.

As always, our Washington Conference was another good newsmaker, and the Public Relations luncheon, conducted



American Legion National Commander Joe L. Matthews (second from right) is interviewed on the Today Show in Washington, D.C., by Bill Monroe (left), the Today Show's Washington representative, along with representatives of other Veterans organizations.

in conjunction with those meetings again was a most successful event. The National Commander's Award to Secret Service Director James Rowley proved to be a popular selection. Many prominent Washington area news executives and newsmen were in attendance both as head table guests and throughout the audience of more than 500 persons.

The American Legion's position opposing VA budget cuts that would have lowered disability compensation for Vietnam veterans, even though stated prior to the Commander's appearances before the House and Senate Committees on Veterans Affairs, also was a source of news interest to Washington news outlets and to other areas of the country.

Presentation of the Outstanding Public Service Award to Congressman George Mahon, of Texas, also proved to be a popular and newsworthy selection and special mailing of news stories and photos were made to select mailing lists in Texas.

The surprise appearance of three newly-returned prisoners of war as special guests of the evening, along with members of the National League of Families of POW-MIAs, provided an unexpected highlight for the banquet program and another news "bonus" for The American Legion.

Our football program advertising project, so successfully launched more than a year ago and still growing, has been adapted to baseball, and we believe with good local area promotion this can prove as productive for The American Legion as has the football project.

We are in the process of introducing to the organization a new National theme as a successor to the highly successful "Reach Out" theme that now has been in use for four years. Everyone who has seen the new material so far has been most enthusiastic about it, and our objective is to be ready to go with a new promotion at about the time a new National Commander is elected by the Hawaii National Convention.

We have continued to provide special speech services to the National Commander and to American Legion speakers generally through our prepared suggested addresses, and are proud to note that one of Commander Matthews' speeches was selected for publication by Vital Speeches of the Day.



Newly-elected American Legion National Commander Joe L. Matthews (left), gives first interview to Ray McHugh (center), Vice President and Washington Bureau Chief for Copley Press, as National Public Relations Commission Chairman C.D. DeLoach is an interested spectator.



Clarence S. Campbell
Economic Commission

ECONOMIC COMMISSION

Clarence S. Campbell (Vermont), Chairman
Austin E. Kerby (Maryland), Director

The American Legion's economic program under the jurisdiction of the Economic Commission is designed to assure that veterans of any war, including those of the most recent Vietnam era, have the opportunity to provide with dignity the economic necessities of life for themselves and their families. With our sights set upon this economic outlook for veterans of all wars, the Fifty-Fourth Annual National Convention of The American Legion and interim National Executive Committee meetings approved an extensive and flexible program for legislative and administrative actions primarily in the area of employment, housing, and veterans preference in federal employment.

The American Legion's "Jobs for Veterans" program, which predates the Federal government's employment program carrying the same name, has continued most effectively during The American Legion year of 1972-73. We are encouraged with the results. As of this writing, more than 275 American Legion sponsored and co-sponsored Job and Opportunity Fairs have been reported and are largely responsible for the placement of some one hundred thousand veterans in meaningful jobs. When National is apprised of Job Fair information, such as dates, locations, sponsors and points of contact regarding Job Fair schedulings, these facts are made available to approximately 125 nationwide employers who are interested in hiring veterans.

In our constant efforts to expand and improve employment opportunities for veterans of all wars, including the handicapped and older veterans, "National Employ the Handicapped Week" was observed October 1-7, 1972; "National Employ the Older Worker Week" March 11-17, 1973; and, for the fourth consecutive year, the Economic Commission selected two outstanding employers of veterans—large and small employer—who will be recipients of The American Legion's "National Employer of the Year Award for Hiring Veterans" at the Fifty-Fifth Annual

National Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii. The 1973 award winners for employment of veterans are Sperry Vickers Aerospace—Ordnance—Marine Division, of Jackson, Miss., and General Cable Corporation, Elkton, Md. In addition to the two top winners, all department nominations for the National Employer of the Year award also received impressive laminated plaques (maximum of two, one in each category) for outstanding employment policies of hiring and retaining veterans.

In our continued effort to improve the Federal government's employment program for veterans, The American Legion supported H.R. 12828, which became Public Law 92-540. Section 502 of the Law, designed to strengthen State Employment Service assistance to veterans, among other provisions, requires the Secretary of Labor to assign to the several States one Assistant Veterans Employment Representative per each 250,000 veterans of the State's Veteran population, as well as such additional AVERs as the Secretary shall determine. The Law, which became effective Jan. 24, 1973, requires 68 AVERs in addition to the 25 currently employed, to be hired and assigned to a number of States with large veteran population. However, the Department of Labor has made no firm commitment to establish and fund the additional AVER positions.

When testifying on May 17, 1973, before the Subcommittee on Labor, Health, Education and Welfare, House Committee on Appropriations, The American Legion's representative urged the Subcommittee to increase the proposed Fiscal Year 1974 budget request of the Department of Labor for the Veterans Employment Service to \$4,346,000, which would include \$1.6 million for those sixty-eight additional AVERs required by the new law.

In compliance with existing mandates, the Economic staff has supported the proposed Fiscal Year 1974 budget requests for funds for the Office of Veterans Reemployment

Rights and the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped.

In addition to Congressional testimony, The American Legion, through its Economic Commission and in agreement with current mandates, supports programs and activities of the Veterans Employment Service and State employment security agencies, the Office of Veterans Reemployment Rights, the United States Savings Bonds Program, the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, the Farmers Home Administration, the Veterans Administration's home loan program, the Unemployment Compensation program for ex-service personnel, the Office of Federal Employees Compensation, and various other programs and activities which have a direct or indirect relationship to the economic welfare of war veterans.

From time to time there are rumors and often attempts to destroy or water down the Veterans Preference Act. Many erroneously allege that the Act hampers effective management in the Federal Civil Service. However, we are pleased to note that while efforts to circumvent the Act are sometimes successful, such as the present policy of GSA and Department of Defense in contracting out guard and custodian services traditionally performed by in-service personnel, the constitutionality of veterans preference laws was again upheld by the United States Supreme Court on March 13, 1973. The high court affirmed the decision made by a three-judge Federal court in Minnesota September, 1972, which had ruled that there is a rational and valid basis for granting preference to veterans.

THE AMERICAN LEGION LIFE INSURANCE AND TRUST COMMITTEE

Albert V. LaBiche (Louisiana), Chairman
Paul L. Weber (Nebraska), Director



One of the prime projects of the National Economic Commission is the recognition of employers with an outstanding record for employment of veterans. Here, I.J. Holton (right), President of George A. Hormel & Co., of Austin, Minn., receives the 1972 award from then National Commander John H. Geiger at the 1972 Chicago Convention. Charles McDonald, Austin Post Commander at the time of Hormel's selection, also is pictured.

On April 1, 1973 The American Legion Life Insurance Plan marked its Fifteenth anniversary and is now in its 16th year. The Plan was officially adopted by the National Executive Committee in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 22, 1958. In those 15 years, it has achieved many important goals. The Insurance Department is staffed by a National Headquarters employee who serves as Director to the Insurance Office, which is administered by the Youngberg-Carlson Co., in Chicago, Ill. The Insurance Committee is assigned for jurisdictional purposes to the National Finance Commission and reports through that Commission to the National Executive Committee.

Your Insurance Committee has met two times since the last report and is able to report again that the Plan has continued to grow and make improvements. The 15% "across the board" increase in benefits, effective January 1, 1966, was discontinued January 1, 1972.

An item of major importance was the approval of a resolution by the National Executive Committee to raise the limits of The American Legion Life Insurance Plan to four full units. Legionnaires under age 30 (26 in Ohio) who were eligible for \$10,000 protection before, can now apply for up to \$40,000 in Legion life benefits. The most important news is that the cost per unit is still only \$24.00 a year.

This is another benefit of membership in The American Legion for the young veteran. It's an excellent selling point for new members and also serves as a means of retaining members.

An additional item of importance was the approval of a resolution by the National Executive Committee increasing the Awards of the National Oratorical Contest. 1st place, \$8,000; 2nd place, \$5,000; 3rd place, \$3,000; and 4th place, \$2,000. In addition each Department winner who attends the Regional contest receives a \$500 scholarship award. The Department Oratorical chairman now attends a two-day conference in Indianapolis each October. All this amounts to approximately \$67,000 each year, and is all financed by The American Legion Life Insurance Trust Fund.

Remember, your American Legion Life Insurance Plan always pays in addition to any other life insurance benefits; it is not meant to replace any existing coverage you have. It simply gives you thousands of dollars extra protection at incredibly low cost. That's why there is no finer way to protect and remember those you love . . . whether it's your family, a charity, a foundation or even your local Legion Post.

In fifteen years, 10,172 claims were paid, amounting to \$14,114,380.00 in benefits. During 1972 alone, an average of \$153,217.00 was paid each month. These benefits were paid at no cost to the National Organization of The American Legion and at no expense to the membership.

Premiums and/or contributions for 1972 paid for life insurance protection amounted to \$2,919,409.00. After the close of each calendar year and after all claims and administration expenses have been paid in the Group States, the unused premiums are placed in The American Legion Life Insurance Trust. There is over one million dollars in the trust fund.

The American Legion Life Insurance Plan is underwritten by two large and reputable companies, Occidental Life Insurance Company of California and the United States Life Insurance Company in the City of New York. Occidental is the ninth largest underwriter of group life insurance in the United States. For members who are permanent residents of New York and Puerto Rico, the insurance is underwritten by one of the largest companies in North America, the United States Life Insurance Company in the City of New York. Permanent residents of North Carolina, Ohio, Texas, Wisconsin, Illinois, and New Jersey are covered separately by The Occidental Life Insurance Company, which provides similar benefits at the same rate.

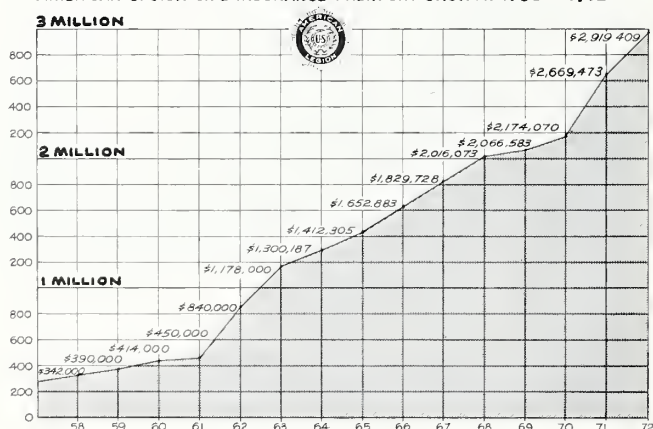
The American Legion Life Insurance is the only official insurance plan in all states for Legionnaires. One and one-half million applications were mailed Legionnaires in 1972. During 1973, 1,250,000 Legionnaires will receive a three-letter mailing, or a total of 3,750,000 pieces. In addition 40,000 insured Legionnaires will receive a computer letter asking them to increase their units. By Oct. 1, 1973 approximately \$51,000 will be spent in advertising in *The American Legion Magazine*.

Six percent of the insurance members failed to renew their insurance for 1973. Each year on or about Oct. 15, thousands of Legionnaires are requested to report the next year's membership card numbers and make insurance remittances before Jan. 1 of the next year. This provides early membership renewals. As the plan grows, so will these many advantages magnify themselves throughout The American Legion.

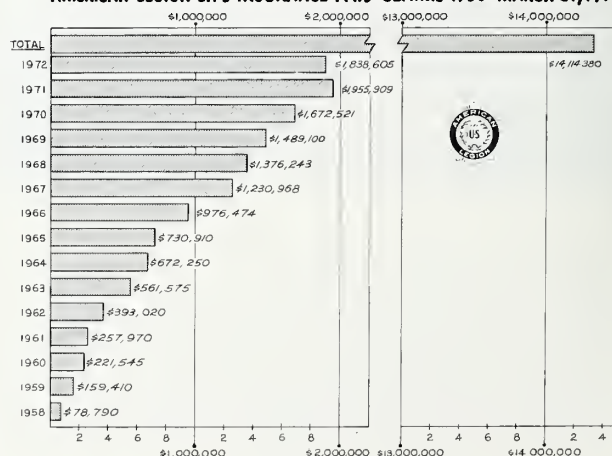
At the National Executive Committee meetings held in Indianapolis, Ind., May 1-4, 1972 The American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee approved a resolution urging and requesting Departments to *refrain from sponsoring Life Insurance Programs* other than The American Legion Life Insurance Program. This resolution was also approved by the National Finance Commission and the National Executive Committee.

For further information, Posts are urged to contact The American Legion Life Insurance Plan, 111 West Jackson Blvd., 13th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60604. Attention: Paul L. Weber, Director.

AMERICAN LEGION LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUM GROWTH 1958 - 1972



AMERICAN LEGION LIFE INSURANCE PAID CLAIMS 1958-MARCH 31, 1973





W. F. Lenker
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION COMMISSION

W. F. Lenker (South Dakota), Chairman
 E. H. Golembieski (Pennsylvania), Director

While the period following adjournment of the 1972 National Convention marked the beginning of a new legislative year for The American Legion in the area of veterans benefits, there still remained several months in which the 92nd Congress took further actions on many pieces of veterans legislation.

On Oct. 24, 1972, Public Law 92-540 was approved by the President. This law, among other things, provided increased benefit rates in the educational assistance programs; increased the rates of vocational rehabilitation training and other special training allowances paid to eligible veterans; and provided for advance and prepayment of educational assistance payments to veterans and others.

Two other pieces of veterans legislation were passed by both Houses of the Congress, but were vetoed by the President on Oct. 27, 1972. The vetoed bills were the National Cemeteries Act of 1972, and the Veterans Health Care Expansion Act of 1972. Both measures had the full support of The American Legion. Since The American Legion has continuing mandates on the basic purposes of both these pieces of legislation, this organization has already supported similar measures which have been considered in the 93rd Congress.



Commander Matthews pays courtesy call on the Veterans Administration's new Chief Benefits Director Odell W. Vaughn and Mrs. Vaughn shortly after Mr. Vaughn was named to the new post.

As of the writing of this report the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Director and the Deputy Director have appeared before Subcommittees in both the House and the Senate expressing The American Legion's viewpoints on the above mentioned pieces of legislation. The National Cemeteries Act of 1973 is in the final stage of legislative action. The provision to which the President principally objected in his veto message of last year is not included in the current version of the bill, and it is hoped that the President will sign it when it reaches his desk.

The Veterans Health Care Expansion Act of 1973—S. 59—has been passed by the Senate and is presently under consideration in the House. This needed legislation will alleviate many of the existing problems in the veterans medical care program, and we are hopeful that an Act will be approved by the President.

The Commission and staff of the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission is not satisfied with the proposed Veterans Administration budget for Fiscal Year 1974. Of primary concern is the current and projected funding of the medical and hospital program. There has been considerable discussion, pro and con, with respect to a specific average daily patient census minimum to be maintained by the Administrator in VA hospitals. At an appearance before the Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the director stated, "although the medical care appropriation item for Fiscal Year 1973 was followed by the specific language . . . that the foregoing appropriation shall not be apportioned to provide for less than an average of 98,500 operating beds in VA hospitals or furnishing inpatient care and treatment to an average daily patient load of less than 85,500 beneficiaries during Fiscal Year 1973 . . . as of Dec. 31, 1972, VA reports to the House Committee on Veterans Affairs show an operating bed level of 98,297 and an average daily patient census for Dec. 1972 of 79,720 (81,526 for the period July 1-Dec. 31, 1972.) Given the medical service and hospital care needs of some 29 million eligible veterans, The American Legion continues to view with dismay the continued efforts of the Office of Management and Budget to limit the VA's compliance with the desires of this Subcommittee and the Congress."



William Jennings Bryan Dorn, Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, greets National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Chairman William F. Lenker, as Commander Matthews prepares to present American Legion testimony to the Committee.

From The American Legion's point of view, an increased average daily patient census is necessary to provide the treatment and care required by the country's veteran population. A census predicated on an arbitrary budget making process, without regard to veterans health care needs, can only lead to excessively large numbers of veterans on waiting lists, or scheduled for hospital admission or placed on a hold status under pre-bed care.

The staff of the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission is pleased to report that the mandates set forth in those resolutions approved at the 1972 National Convention relating to improvements in the veterans benefits program have, for the most part, already been presented to the 93rd Congress. Many of our legislative objectives in the field of veterans affairs are yet to be accomplished in this Congress. The Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission and its staff will continue their efforts to achieve the goals mandated by the National Convention and the National Executive Committee to improve the veterans benefits programs administered by the Veterans Administration.

The 1972 National Convention directed the appointment of a Veterans Medical Care Advisory Committee, charged to monitor the progress of national health insurance legislation in Congress, and to take necessary action on behalf of The American Legion to protect the integrity of the VA medical care program. The Advisory Committee reports through the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission. The Advisory Committee was duly appointed by the National Commander, with the approval of the National Executive Committee. Staff support is being provided, and the Committee is endeavoring to fulfill its mission. To date, there have been no Congressional hearings on national health insurance legislation, though a number of bills are pending. If hearings are scheduled, The American Legion will request to be heard.

The staff of the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, in addition to supporting the Legion's mandates in the field of veterans affairs, continues to carry on its routine work of representing veterans claims before federal agencies in Washington, and assisting veterans seeking review and correction of discharges by the Boards of the military services.



One of the very first public appearances of any of the newly returned prisoners of war of the Vietnam conflict were these former POWs who were surprise guests of honor at National Commander Joe L. Matthews banquet honoring the Congress of the United States during the annual Washington Conference.



Churchill T. Williams
Finance Commission

FINANCE COMMISSION

Churchill T. Williams (Iowa), Chairman
Francis Polen (Indiana), National Treasurer
James E. Smith (Indiana), Fiscal Supervisor

The Finance Commission is composed of seven (7) members. The National Commander and the National Treasurer are Ex-Officio Members. The National Adjutant is the Ex-Officio Secretary. The primary obligation of the Finance Commission is to prepare a yearly budget for submission to the National Executive Committee and to exercise reasonable control procedures to see that the various divisions and/or departments of the National Organization operate within the approved appropriations.

Obviously, in considering budget recommendations prime consideration must be given to the avoidance of "deficit budgets" and envisioning the financial problems of The American Legion for a period of years beyond that involving the specific proposals of "the year" under consideration.

Of course, programs could be eliminated and personnel reduced. This facet has been carefully explored. The answer is that projects have been pared, and at a time they more properly, for the "good of the Legion," should have been expanded. Since 1962 the number on the payroll has been cut 25% in the interests of sound financial policy. It is our belief that further reductions would impair efficiency and service.

The Rehabilitation Reserve Fund, established by an allocation of 25¢ of the dues structure, has been exhausted and it is now necessary to take additional monies from the general fund to satisfy the demands of this important operation. With each succeeding year this drain upon the National Treasury will increase. The American Legion Magazine faces difficult times ahead due to the increase in postal rates and paper costs.

Since a major portion of the 1972 dues were received prior to January 15, 1972, the effective date of the dues increase, the American Legion experienced an operating deficit of \$3,378 after transferring \$375,000 to the Rehabilitation Reserve.

Your attention is called to the reports of the various committees and trusts which report to the Finance

Commission, which reports are contained elsewhere in this annual report. A full financial statement is incorporated in the Treasurer's Report.

EMBLEM SALES DIVISION

Clayton C. Schlick (Iowa), Chairman
Alfred L. Lankenau, Jr. (Indiana), General Manager

The American Legion emblem is the exclusive property of the National Headquarters. The sale of the emblem, emblem pins, merchandise carrying the emblem and other items of organizational equipment is the responsibility of the National Emblem Committee and the National Emblem Sales office, located at National Headquarters in Indianapolis. The following tables show gross sales, net earnings, etc., for the entire calendar year 1972, and for the first three months of 1973.

January 1 to December 31, 1972 (12 months)

Gross sales	\$2,043,070
Cost of goods sold	1,236,471
Overhead	577,002
Operating profit including discounts taken ..	229,597

January 1 to March 31, 1973 (3 months)

Gross sales	623,144
Cost of goods sold	357,567
Overhead	149,176
Operating profit including discounts taken ..	116,401



Emmett G. Lenihan
National Security

NATIONAL SECURITY COMMISSION

Emmett G. Lenihan (Washington), Chairman
James R. Wilson (Pennsylvania), Director

"Our greatest hope for peace, now and in the future, must be based upon an immediate and long-range policy of maintaining our military forces so strong that no adversary or group of

adversaries will dare to attack our country or by threat of military action impose its will upon us."

The foregoing quote, taken from the conclusion to the National Security Report adopted by the 1972 National Convention, has served as a guideline to our legislative and programming activities in support of an adequate national defense.

As the cease-fire agreement took effect in Vietnam and Americans were withdrawn, pressures at home have mounted to hastily dismantle our military forces, and cancel needed modernization of strategic weapon systems.

While we share the hope for a "generation of peace," we are realists, fully aware that the sound base upon which a lasting peace most likely will be achieved is from a strong American military posture. If we reduce our strength unilaterally and fail to modernize our aging strategic forces, the hope for building a desirable world peace may be lost.

During the past year, the National Security Commission and Committees have labored to advise the Congress, the Executive and the general public regarding The American Legion's views that a strong military posture is essential in the years ahead.

Both the National Commander and Chairman Lenihan have met personally with key administration, military and Congressional leaders to discuss our nation's defense needs and our organization's views and recommendations. Again this year, Legion witnesses will present testimony on the defense budget and related matters to the appropriate Committees of the Congress.

Our principal recommendations include support for: A superior research and development effort; modernization of our strategic and conventional forces; the B-1 bomber; the Trident program and Minuteman modernization; strong opposition to blanket amnesty, and extension of the induction authority of the Military Selective Service Act.

The following are some brief highlights of the programming activities of the Commission and Committees during our 55th year.



American Legion National Commander Joe L. Matthews presents a Legion certificate of recognition to General John D. Ryan, U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff, noting the accomplishments of the Air Force on its 25th anniversary of service to the nation.

ROTC MEDALS: Last year was the most successful thus far in providing American Legion medal awards to every Senior and Junior ROTC Unit throughout the nation requesting these medals. From May 1, 1972 until April 1, 1973, 592 medals were presented to deserving cadets. Actual presentations at Award Day Ceremonies were made at 161 colleges and universities and at 60 high schools by American Legion officials. In most instances the medals were provided and presented by Posts and Department.

BLOOD DONOR ACTIVITIES: Forty Departments actively participated in last year's blood donor program. Based on the reports received from 16 Departments alone, more than 35,000 members donated a living gift of blood. The Department of Rhode Island won both National Commander's Blood Donor Awards with 100% of its Posts and 22.5% of its members actively enrolled in the program. The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary joined with the American Red Cross in the 6th Annual Holiday Blood Donor Drive. Created to meet the increased nation-wide blood demands, the 1972-73 Christmas-New Year drive was one of the most successful to date.

AMNESTY: National Commander Joe L. Matthews in many public appearances stated The American Legion's firm opposition to granting amnesty to deserters and draft evaders as set forth in National Convention Resolution 454-72. In addition to nation-wide coverage of our amnesty stand presented in The American Legion Magazine, radio and TV appearances, speeches, flyers and background information, have been used to sustain our position on this issue.

SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVES: Traditionally, The American Legion has cooperated with the supported the National Guard and

Reserves. This year, National Adjutant William F. Hauck signed a "Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserves" pledging to do everything possible to make it easy to be a Reservist by agreeing that:

(1) Our employees' job and career opportunities will not be limited or reduced because of their service in the Guard or Reserve; (2) Our employees will be granted leaves of absence for military training in the Guard or Reserve without sacrifice of vacation time; and, (3) This agreement and the resultant organization policies will be made known throughout the organization and announced in organization publications and through other existing means of communication.

Recognizing the vital role played by the Reserves and Guard in a period when the active forces have undergone a dramatic reduction in number, The American Legion has pledged to extend every consideration to its own employees who are Reservists and to encourage its members who are employers to extend a helping hand to its Reserve employees.



Robert P. Foster
Foreign Relation

FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Dr. Robert P. Foster (Missouri), Chairman
James R. Wilson, Jr. (Pennsylvania), Director



National Adjutant William F. Hauck is signing a "Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve" as Cdr. Ruth Kaskey, USN, of the National Committee for Employers Support of the Guard and Reserves looks on.

The 1972-73 Legion year has seen an acceleration of the trend toward detente between the United States and the Communist powers and a shifting in the international power structure that has dominated world affairs since the end of WWII. We also found an honorable way out of Vietnam and started Indochina on the road to a perilous and fragile peace. In general, the year in international affairs was a satisfactory one from the standpoint of the United States and The American Legion. Yet there are important caution signs that our nation must observe to avoid the dangers inherent in an unstable world and in a tendency for detente for the mere sake of detente. Vigilance in the preservation of national security remains our most necessary and valuable virtue.

United States policy has shifted radically since President Nixon took office in 1969. He devised the so-called Nixon Doctrine to reduce the use of American troops in conflicts

abroad and to encourage friendly nations to contribute more to their own defense; he ended the American participation in the Vietnam conflict and achieved a cease-fire of sorts; he is founding new policies of cooperation and negotiation between the major powers by seeking closer relations with the Soviet Union and with Communist China in place of confrontation; and he is seeking to evolve new relationships with our major allies—the NATO nations and Japan.

During the Legion year, Indochina remained the most important issue in foreign affairs. Our Commission steadfastly supported President Nixon in his effort to effect the withdrawal of American forces from South Vietnam but, at the same time, through Vietnamization, to insure that the Republic of Vietnam had the opportunity to determine its own future. The President also successfully achieved the repatriation of our POWs and our government is now involved in the identification of 1,360 men carried as missing in action. Through its resolutions, its special POW committee, and its relations with the White House and the Department of State, our Commission cooperated in the attainment of these goals.

The cease-fire signed January 27, 1973, is the first step toward that "peace with honor" promised by our government. The Legion is now concerning itself with questions of insuring enemy compliance with the peace terms, of extending the peace throughout Indochina, and the advisability of providing economic aid for reconstruction throughout the area.

In cooperation with the President's policy of seeking detente with the Soviet Union, American Legion Commander Matthews visited Russia, Poland, and Hungary in December, 1972, accompanied, among others, by the staff assistant for our Commission. Avenues of possible cooperation with the Soviet and Polish war veterans associations were examined and discussions will continue with the visit of Russian and Polish veterans to the United States.

Other areas of major concern to the Commission during the 1972-73 year were Cuba, NATO, the Genocide Convention, our China policy, the Panama Canal, and the Middle East. The Commission took action during the year

on many occasions to carry out our mandated positions in all these areas.

On China, where our government is striving to achieve the normalization of relations without abandoning the Republic of China on Taiwan, The American Legion's position has been one of insuring that such a course of action does not impair American security interests or our relations with the Republic of China.

The members of NATO are currently negotiating with the Warsaw Pact powers in Vienna to try to find a formula to achieve a mutual and balanced reduction of armed forces in central Europe. Our efforts here are designed to prevent any unilateral reduction of American armed forces committed to NATO.

On the Middle East, we continued to support a policy of seeking to get Arab and Jew together to discuss a political settlement of their differences and, meanwhile, to continue



National Commander Joe L. Matthews presents an American Legion citation of appreciation to Thomas E. Whelan, of St. Thomas, N.D., in recognition of the former U.S. Ambassador's contributions to the Legion during some eight years of service as chairman of the Legion's Foreign Relations Commission, a post from which he resigned last fall.



National Commander Joe L. Matthews pays courtesy call on Secretary of State William P. Rogers on one of his earliest visits to the nation's capital following his election as National Commander.



American Legion Foreign Relations Commission Chairman Dr. Robert P. Foster, (left), Maryville, Mo., and National Commander Joe L. Matthews visit with Curtis Tarr, Assistant Secretary of State for Security Affairs, during State Department reception.

to provide Israel sufficient sophisticated arms to maintain a balance of power. We have supported our government's efforts to get at least a limited agreement in the area that would permit the reopening of the Suez Canal and decrease existing tensions.

The future of the Panama Canal, the continuing economic boycott of Cuba, and the possible Senate ratification of the Genocide Convention all occupied the commission's attention and efforts during the year. All three issues are being carried into the new 1973-74 year and will require the best efforts of our Commission if we are to fulfill our mandates.



Clarence C. Horton
National Legislative Commission

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION

Clarence C. Horton (Alabama), Chairman
Herald E. Stringer (Alaska), Director

The National Legislative Commission represents The American Legion before the Congress of the United States on all legislative matters of interest to the Legion, and assists the National Executive Committee in developing our legislative program for each session of the Congress.

At its office in the Nation's Capital, the staff of the commission concentrates on carrying out the legislative objectives of The American Legion, as expressed in resolutions adopted at national conventions and at meetings of the NEC. The staff also publishes a Legislative News Bulletin to keep the Legion and the Auxiliary informed of Congressional action on legislation affecting veterans and their dependents.

Resolutions pertaining to federal legislation adopted at the 1972 National Convention and at subsequent meetings of the National Executive Committee form the basis for our program in the 93rd Congress. The legislative portfolio now contains 124 resolutions, encompassing all facets of Legion activity. Resolutions approved at this Convention which are legislative in nature will be added to the portfolio.

Your commission sponsors legislation in accordance with our mandates and, through its Washington staff, presents testimony regularly before the committees of the Congress having jurisdiction over matters on which we are mandated.

We have sponsored and supported legislation this year to accomplish American Legion objectives in the areas of Americanism; Children & Youth; veterans health, education, housing and employment; foreign relations; welfare reform; drug abuse, and preference for veterans in federal, state and local employment. We have asked the Congress to extend the induction authority under the Selective Service Act and to appropriate adequate funds to maintain the security of this Nation and its people.

Your commission has opposed the current schedule of rate increases on second-class nonprofit publications and has pressed the Congress for legislative relief to insure the survival of our national and department publications. We have also asked the Congress to restore the observance of patriotic holidays to their traditional dates, to establish a national cemetery system within the Veterans Administration, to increase the burial allowance for our nation's veterans and to clarify the existing rules and customs pertaining to the use and display of the United States Flag. Included among the Legion presentations this year was testimony before the Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on the budgets for the Veterans Administration, the Department of Defense, Health, Education and Welfare, and the Veterans Employment Service.



Senator Vance Hartke, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs, greets Commander Matthews and Legion Legislative Director Herald Stringer prior to the Commander's testimony before the Senate Committee.



Mrs. Deverre Harper, Chairman of the American Legion Auxiliary's National Legislative Committee appears before the Legion's National Legislative Commission to outline her group's program for 1973. She is greeted by Legion Legislative Commission Chairman Clarence C. Horton (left) and Director Herald Stringer.

1973 has become a difficult and challenging year for The American Legion. As this report is prepared, the Congress is engaged in a confrontation with the President over his war powers, his efforts to impose a spending ceiling and his refusal to spend some of the appropriated funds. There is disagreement between the Executive and Legislative branches on all legislation bearing a sizeable price tag and this includes most of our proposals.

Against that background of political warfare, and for the remainder of this session, your Legislative Commission will concentrate on the following: 1) Adequate funds for the Veterans Administration and other agencies whose programs we support; 2) improvements in the VA hospital, medical and outpatient treatment programs; 3) increased compensation for service disabled veterans; 4) relief to pensioners who have suffered reductions or discontinuance of their benefits because of last year's social security increase; 5) improvements in the Vietnam veterans education program; 6) increases in the veterans burial award and a solution to the national cemetery problem.

We will oppose any attempt to incorporate the VA hospital and medical system into a national health insurance program and will support legislation requiring Congressional approval of any changes in the VA's schedule for rating disabilities. In the area of national security, your commission will continue to insist that the nation's defense posture remain strong and viable to deter aggression, and that sufficient funds be provided for the operation of the

Department of Defense. We will continue to oppose blanket amnesty to draft evaders and deserters, and will support legislation to extend the draft induction authority for another two years.

Your commission is also seeking assistance for families suffering from catastrophic illness and changes in public welfare programs to provide more adequately for children. We will continue to work for a revision of the Flag Code, relief from the excessive postal rates imposed on our Legion

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National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Chairman William F. Lenker, (left) and Legislative Chairman Clarence F. Horton, visit with House Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman William Jennings Bryan Dorn (second from right) and Committee Staff Director Oliver Meadows prior to Commander Matthews' testimony before the Committee.

AMERICAN LEGION ENDOWMENT FUND CORPORATION

Harry W. Colmery (Kansas), President

Foreseeing the necessity for a regular annual income to support its war veterans rehabilitation and child welfare programs, The American Legion, in the year 1925, conducted a national campaign for contributions to support those two programs. The proceeds from the campaign were placed in the custody of the American Legion Endowment Corporation as trustee, a goal of \$5 million having been set and generous contributions being received.

The corporation was incorporated in 1925 under the laws

of the State of Delaware and a trust agreement was entered into between The American Legion and the corporation under which the funds were administered by the corporation and the annual net income therefrom was paid to The American Legion for the use of the two programs described.

The financial condition of the endowment fund is summarized as shown below for each of the preceding years. The figures shown were taken from the annual audits of George S. Olive & Co., Indianapolis, Indiana.

	December 31, 1972	December 31, 1971	December 31, 1970	December 31, 1969	December 31, 1968
TOTAL ASSETS	\$7,112,670	\$7,112,784	\$7,203,138	\$7,203,282	\$7,215,132
Net interest received	104,900	408,728	293,098	257,300	233,678
Expense	<u>5,082</u>	<u>12,699</u>	<u>9,429</u>	<u>9,614</u>	<u>8,184</u>
Excess of income					
over expense	<u>99,818</u>	<u>396,029</u>	<u>283,669</u>	<u>247,686</u>	<u>225,494</u>
Earnings transferred					
or due to The					
American Legion ..	<u>100,000</u>	<u>358,826</u>	<u>283,669</u>	<u>247,686</u>	<u>225,494</u>
Yield on average book					
value of Securities					
(percent)	1.47 *	5.99	4.09	3.58	3.13

*The yield for 1972 is abnormally low due to exchange of securities during the year with interest due January 31, 1973.

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March 26, 1973

Joe L. Matthews, National Commander,
The American Legion
National Headquarters,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Commander Matthews:

We have examined the statement of financial condition of The American Legion National Headquarters as of December 31, 1972 and the related statements of income and changes in fund balances for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly the financial position of The American Legion National Headquarters at December 31, 1972 and the results of its operations and fund transactions for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

The accompanying supplementary data has been subjected to the tests and other auditing procedures applied in the examination of the financial statements mentioned above and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Yours very truly,

Geo. S. Olive & Co.
Certified Public Accountants

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THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

STATEMENT OF INCOME YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1972

REVENUES:

National dues	\$ 5,677,248
Less: Dues allocated to:	
Rehabilitation	678,794
Publications Division	<u>2,715,580</u>
	3,394,374
Dues available for current operations	2,282,874
Publications Division (including dues allocation)	3,967,037
Emblem Division	2,043,070
Restricted income	120,366
Other income	<u>595,702</u>
	<u>9,009,049</u>

EXPENSES:

Publications Division	3,662,583
Emblem Division	1,817,134
Salaries and employee benefits	2,119,304
Executive and staff travel	194,777
Commission and committee	443,478
Operational	639,997
Office	363,231
Occupancy and usage	177,513
Special projects (net of related income)	244,966
Charges to other areas (Publications, Emblem, Children and Youth, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation)	<u>(1,034,031)</u>
	<u>8,628,952</u>

NET INCOME—exhibit C \$ 380,097

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Statement of Financial Condition

December 31

CURRENT FUNDS:	ASSETS	1972	1971
Cash on deposit and on hand		\$ 840,454	\$ 639,090
Accounts receivable:			
Emblem and Publications		144,672	161,525
Special		147,305	294,460
Mortgage note receivable	3,618
Inventories—at cost:			
Publications Division		269,728	275,320
Emblem Division		372,753	408,929
Prepaid expenses, supplies, advances and deposits		139,307	142,885
Investments—at cost (market value \$6,551,000; par value \$6,645,500 at December 31, 1972)—note 3:			
United States Treasury bills		2,384,410	1,736,497
United States Treasury bonds and notes		4,103,224	3,973,852
Uninvested cash		1,510	679
Furniture, fixtures and equipment—at cost		772,252	751,515
Deduct: Accumulated depreciation (straight-line method)		422,996	385,153
		<u>349,256</u>	<u>366,362</u>
Washington, D. C. real estate—building and site—at cost		821,522	821,522
Less: Accumulated depreciation (straight-line method)—note 4		308,010	293,062
		513,512	528,460
Add: Funded depreciation reserve (cash and securities)—note 4		308,010	293,062
		<u>821,522</u>	<u>821,522</u>
Total current funds		<u>9,574,141</u>	<u>8,824,739</u>
NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS:			
Overseas Graves Decoration Trust Fund:			
Uninvested cash		2,801	4,910
Investments—at cost		326,949	317,046
		<u>329,750</u>	<u>321,956</u>
Employees' Retirement Trust Fund—note 6:			
Uninvested cash		3,213	65,585
Accounts receivable from participating units		62,388	40,181
Investments—at cost (market value \$6,895,340 at December 31, 1972)		5,965,794	5,287,497
		<u>6,031,395</u>	<u>5,393,263</u>
		<u>\$15,935,286</u>	<u>\$14,539,958</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

LIABILITIES AND FUNDS

December 31

CURRENT FUNDS:

1972

1971

Accounts payable	\$ 324,845	\$ 301,993
Credit balances in accounts receivable	11,264	22,599
Employees' withholdings	30,286	14,252
Accrued state and federal taxes	5,416	5,037
Emblem merchandise undelivered	39,303	59,048
Membership life insurance premiums payable—note 2	420,917	311,783
Deferred income:		
Dues paid in advance	2,616,788	1,875,506
Subscriptions paid in advance and sundry	1,742,950	1,871,348
Current fund balances—exhibit C:		
Restricted:		
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Fund—		
note 5	76,683	70,315
Children and Youth Fund	92,497	181,462
Restricted Fund—note 3	1,805,820	1,703,096
Reserve Fund—note 3	905,004	905,004
Other restricted funds	52,556	64,793
Gift to the Nation Maintenance Fund—note 3	117,662	111,450
Appropriated surplus reserves—note 5	1,216,054	1,221,506
Unappropriated surplus	116,096	105,547

Total current funds	<u>9,574,141</u>	<u>8,824,739</u>
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NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS—exhibit C:

Overseas Graves Decoration Trust Fund:

Fund balance	<u>329,750</u>	<u>321,956</u>
	<u>329,750</u>	<u>321,956</u>

Employees' Retirement Trust Fund:

Fund balance	6,031,395	5,393,263
	<u>6,031,395</u>	<u>5,393,263</u>

	<u>\$15,935,286</u>	<u>\$14,539,958</u>
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THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1972

	Restricted Funds
BALANCES, JANUARY 1, 1972	<u>\$3,036,120</u>
ADDITIONS:	
Dues allocated for rehabilitation	678,794
American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation income transferred to The American Legion	100,000
Contributions received	78,217
Investment income credited directly to fund	116,609
Oratorical contest prizes charged against current operations	44,000
Net income—exhibit A	<u>1,017,620</u>
DEDUCTIONS:	
Expenditures charged directly to funds	<u>1,378,518</u>
INTERFUND TRANSFERS—note 5:	
Allocations per National Finance Commission resolutions.	375,000
Partial reinstatement of reserves as unrestricted funds—amount equal to 1972 expenditures charged to current operations ...	<u>375,000</u>
BALANCES, DECEMBER 31, 1972	<u><u>\$3,050,222</u></u>
	(Exhibit C— sheet 3)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1972

Nonexpendable Trust Funds

Appropriated Surplus Reserves	Unappropriated Surplus	Overseas Graves Decoration Trust	Employees' Retirement Trust
<u>\$ 1,221,506</u>	<u>\$ 105,547</u>	<u>\$321,956</u>	<u>\$5,393,263</u>
			497,328
		14,919	509,429
	<u>380,097</u>		
	<u>380,097</u>	<u>14,919</u>	<u>1,006,757</u>
		<u>7,125</u>	<u>368,625</u>
51,369	(426,369)		
(56,821)	56,821		
<u>(5,452)</u>	<u>(369,548)</u>		
 <u>\$ 1,216,054</u>	 <u>\$ 116,096</u>	 <u>\$329,750</u>	 <u>\$6,031,395</u>
(Exhibit C— sheet 2) and (Exhibit B)	(Exhibit B)	(Exhibit B)	(Exhibit B)

THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1972

APPROPRIATED SURPLUS RESERVES

	Publications Reserve	Direct Billing Reserve
BALANCES, JANUARY 1, 1972	<u>\$ 49,728</u>	<u>\$ 32,000</u>
INTERFUND TRANSFERS—note 5:		
Allocations per National Finance		
Commission resolutions	51,369	
Partial reinstatement of reserves as		
unrestricted funds—amount equal		
to 1972 expenditures charged to		
current operations	<u> </u>	<u>(31,821)</u>
	<u>51,369</u>	<u>(31,821)</u>
BALANCES, DECEMBER 31, 1972	<u>\$101,097</u>	<u>\$ 179</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1972

Real Estate Reserve	Convention Reserve	Employee Insurance Premium Stabilization Reserve	Spirit of '76 Reserve	Total
<u>\$821,522</u>	<u>\$60,000</u>	<u>\$8,256</u>	<u>\$ 250,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,221,506</u>
				51,369
			<u>(25,000)</u>	<u>(56,821)</u>
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>(25,000)</u>	<u>(5,452)</u>
<u><u>\$821,522</u></u>	<u><u>\$60,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$8,256</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 225,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,216,054</u></u>

THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1972

RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Veterans Affairs And Rehabilitation Fund	Children And Youth Fund
BALANCES, JANUARY 1, 1972	<u>\$ 70,315</u>	<u>\$181,462</u>
ADDITIONS:		
Dues allocated for rehabilitation	678,794	
American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation income transferred to The American Legion	50,000	50,000
Contributions received	20,000	22,250
Investment income credited directly to fund		
Oratorical contest prizes charged against current operations		
	<u>748,794</u>	<u>72,250</u>
DEDUCTIONS:		
Expenditures charged directly to funds	<u>1,117,426</u>	<u>161,215</u>
INTERFUND TRANSFER—note 5:		
Allocation per National Finance Commission resolutions	<u>375,000</u>	
BALANCES, DECEMBER 31, 1972—exhibit B	<u>\$ 76,683</u>	<u>\$ 92,497</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1972

Restricted Fund	Reserve Fund	Other Restricted Funds	Gift to the Nation Maintenance Fund	Total
<u>\$1,703,096</u>	<u>\$905,004</u>	<u>\$64,793</u>	<u>\$111,450</u>	<u>\$3,036,120</u>
				678,794
				100,000
		35,967		78,217
102,724		7,385	6,500	116,609
		<u>44,000</u>		<u>44,000</u>
<u>102,724</u>		<u>87,352</u>	<u>6,500</u>	<u>1,017,620</u>
		<u>99,589</u>	<u>288</u>	<u>1,378,518</u>
				375,000
<u>\$1,805,820</u>	<u>\$905,004</u>	<u>\$52,556</u>	<u>\$117,662</u>	<u>\$3,050,222</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1—SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The American Legion National Headquarters reports for financial statement purposes on the accrual method of accounting recognizing income when received and expenses when incurred.

The Legion, which is not taxable for federal income tax purposes (except on unrelated business income), maintains its accounts on a modified fund accounting basis wherein the Legion's accountability for a segment of its fiscal affairs is reflected in various restricted fund balances. While the Legion's general operations are reported in its statement of income (exhibit A), that portion of membership dues, contributions and other receipts and expenditures restricted for specific Legion projects are credited and charged directly to the respective restricted funds as set forth in the statement of changes in fund balances (exhibit C, sheet 3).

The Legion follows the practice of capitalizing significant additions to office furniture and equipment. These assets are being charged to general operations through depreciation charges computed on the straight-line method based on the estimated useful lives of the respective assets.

NOTE 2—MEMBERSHIP LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAM:

In connection with The American Legion's Life Insurance Plan, the Legion has created a Trust Fund to which the First National Bank of Kansas City, Missouri, as Trustee, holds legal title. The accumulated earnings from the trust fund and the experience rating refunds and dividends from the insurers (which combined to a total of approximately \$1,500,000 as of December 31, 1972) may be used, as directed by the Legion, for any one or more of the following purposes:

- a— to increase the fund
- b— to reduce or pay in full premiums thereafter due on the group insurance
- c— to provide additional life insurance benefits for the participants
- d— to make refunds to the participants
- e— to make distributions to The American Legion to be used in the support of its activities and programs serving the interest of the Legion and its members, provided that such distributions are not disapproved in writing by a majority of its insured members.

In accordance with provisions of item (e) above, the Legion's National Executive Committee has established a scholarship program for eligible family members of participants in the life insurance program and expanded the oratorical contest and baseball programs. As of December 31, 1972 the trust has set aside approximately \$210,000 of accumulated earnings and experience rating refunds and dividends for the designated programs.

NOTE 3—INVESTMENTS:

At December, 1972, The American Legion carried the following investments as a part of its current funds:

	BOOK VALUE				
			Gift to the Nation Maintenance		
	Restricted Fund	Reserve Fund	Fund	Unrestricted	Total
United States Government					
Obligations:					
U. S. Treasury bills(A).....				\$2,384,410	\$2,384,410
U. S. Treasury bonds(B).....	\$ 736,361	\$432,942		497,673	1,666,976
U. S. Treasury notes(C).....	1,068,520	471,491	\$99,906	796,331	2,436,248
Uninvested Cash(D)	<u>939</u>	<u>571</u>			<u>1,510</u>
Totals	<u>\$1,805,820</u>	<u>\$905,004</u>	<u>\$99,906</u>	<u>\$3,678,414</u>	<u>\$6,489,144</u>

(A) Maturity dates range from February 22, 1973 to July 31, 1973.

(B) Maturity dates range from August, 1972 to May, 1985. Coupon rates range from 3¼ to 6¾%.

(C) Maturity dates range from May, 1973 to November, 1978. Coupon rates range from 5¾ to 7¾%.

(D) Uninvested cash of the Gift to the Nation Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$17,755 is included with cash on deposit and on hand.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 4—ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION—WASHINGTON, D. C. REAL ESTATE:

Since 1969 annual depreciation of the Washington, D. C. property has been credited to the accumulated depreciation balance with a corresponding amount of investments and cash added to the funded depreciation reserve. Earnings of the funded depreciation reserve have been credited as investment income available for current operating purposes in the statement of income.

NOTE 5—INTERFUND TRANSFERS:

During the year ended December 31, 1972, the National Finance Commission authorized certain allocations from the Legion's unappropriated current funds (surplus) as follows:

- (A) \$51,369 to the Publication Reserve to provide funds to continue the prescribed purposes of the Reserve.
- (B) \$375,000 to the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Fund to provide the capital to continue the prescribed purposes of the Fund.

The Direct Billing Reserve was reduced \$31,821 by a transfer back to unappropriated surplus, representing the current year activity of the project, which was charged to the statement of income for 1972 leaving a balance of \$179 in the Reserve.

The Spirit of '76 Reserve was decreased \$25,000 by a transfer back to unappropriated surplus, representing the current year activity of the project, which was charged to the current year's statement of income. The balance in the Reserve after the transfer was \$225,000 at December 31, 1972.

NOTE 6—EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN:

Since 1944, The American Legion has maintained a retirement plan for all eligible employees of the national headquarters and the Legion's various subsidiary and subordinate groups. Contributions to the plan are made by the national organization and by the other participating groups on the basis of annual actuarial valuations. Current service is being funded on a level premium basis while past service is being amortized generally over ten years.

The assets of the retirement trust, which are reflected in the accompanying statement of financial condition, are held by the Merchants National Bank & Trust Company, Indianapolis, Indiana, as Trustee of this fund.

The actuary's valuation of the retirement fund as of January 1, 1972, shows liabilities of \$7,800,000 accrued and accruing for past and current service and total assets of \$5,351,000 (at market), or a funding of liabilities equal to 69%, which, in the opinion of the actuary is a satisfactory funding level.

LEGISLATIVE

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and Auxiliary publications, and legislation to restore the observance of Memorial Day and Veterans Day to their traditional dates.

The Legislative Commission has met once in Washington since the National Convention last August and Subcommittees thereof have been called into session twice to participate in meetings of the National Executive Committee.

The Legislative Commission and its staff continue to maintain excellent relations with the Congress. We have received splendid cooperation again this year from all National Officers, Commissions and Divisions of both The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary. To all of these, and to the members of the Legion Posts and Auxiliary Units across the country, we express the gratitude of the Commission and staff for their support of the legislative program.

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

The American Legion, from its cradle days, has been most fortunate in having one of the most active and largest auxiliaries of any national organization in the American Legion Auxiliary which was authorized by action of the First Annual National Convention of the Legion in 1919.

Counting a membership well over 900,000, the Auxiliary is comprised of mothers, wives, sisters, daughters and granddaughters of men who served with the armed forces of the United States in time of conflict, or of women who served in the armed forces of their country and whose personal service entitled them to membership either in the Legion, or the Auxiliary, or both.

The American Legion Auxiliary organization nearly parallels that of the parent organization and during the year just ending has taken steps to come even closer to that parallel by organizing an Auxiliary of the Department of France.

The organizational structure of the Auxiliary is, for all practical purposes, the same as that of The American Legion. The principal officers of the Auxiliary and their functions are essentially the same as that of their counterparts in the Legion. The commission and committee structure of the two organizations are practically identical, and the programs and principles of each are in complete harmony.

In addition to the expected functions of an Auxiliary such as an active concern for sick and disabled veterans and for the children and youth of the nation, the American Legion Auxiliary also appears in such unanticipated roles as a major sponsor of a forum on National Security, and exhibits and unusual concern in the field of foreign relations. One of the very special areas of concern of the Auxiliary in this area has been the relationships of the United States with other nations of the Western hemisphere.

The Memorial Poppy program is one of the principal sources of support of much of the work of the Auxiliary, and that project serves the dual purpose of providing operating funds for Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation projects and the providing of supplemental income to the hospitalized veterans who actually make the poppies for sale by the Auxiliary.

Mrs. T.G. (Maxine) Chilton, of Superior, Arizona, is the current president of the American Legion Auxiliary. The terms of the Auxiliary's president runs concurrently with that of The American Legion's National Commander and each organization has its own National Convention in the same city at the same time where the national leadership for each organization is selected.

The Auxiliary also has an affiliate in the Eight and Forty (La Boutique des Huit Chapeaux et Quarante Femmes), which carries out specifically assigned responsibilities in the area of concern for the children and youth of the nation. The prime responsibilities of the Eight and Forty are in the areas of tuberculosis control (where the organization has offered nursing scholarships over a period of years for nurses who are interested in advanced training in tuberculosis nursing and control), and in the area of research and education for cystic fibrosis patients and families where the affliction exists.

The total work of the distaff side of American Legion endeavor has long made a significant contribution to the total programs of service of the organization.



Mrs. T.G. (Maxine) Chilton, National President of the American Legion Auxiliary, appears before the spring, 1973 meetings of the Legion's National Executive Committee to present Auxiliary checks totaling \$50,000 to American Legion National Commander Joe L. Matthews for support of the ongoing program of the Legion. The checks, displayed by Mrs. Chilton, were designated specifically for use as follows: \$20,000 for the Legion's Children & Youth program; \$20,000 for use in the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation program and \$10,000 to The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

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